

# ***Town of Whately 2019 Annual Report***





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Two Hundred and Forty-Ninth  
ANNUAL REPORTS  
of the  
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES  
of the  
TOWN OF WHATELY



For the Fiscal Year Ending  
June 30, 2019



## TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

Fran Fortino

Chair, Board of Health, Chair Solid waste Management Committee,  
Co-Founder and President of Valley Neighbors

This year I found it hard to choose which hardworking and public spirited Whately citizen to honor with the dedication of the town report — we have so many!

Back in February, I started thinking about what has been going on in town over just the past few years. We, like many small towns in western Massachusetts, struggle at times to solve the problems and meet the needs of our aging population. But Whately folk rise to the challenge, and we've seen a new group of volunteers organize themselves here in town, dedicated to helping seniors "age in place"; i.e., continue to live in their homes even as transportation and some daily or weekly tasks become harder. Of course, I am talking about Valley Neighbors, who are building an organization and recruiting volunteers to solve this problem in a thoughtful, professional and sustainable way. I thought, wouldn't it be great to recognize that effort?

Another thing we struggle with as a town and indeed as a nation is being environmentally responsible so that we leave our children and grandchildren a livable planet. Some would say we as a small town don't have a significant role to play in this struggle, but I disagree. Each time I go to the transfer station, I have the opportunity to do my small part to make sure my household's waste is disposed of in the most environmentally sensitive way possible. Our little town's transfer station has been singled out as a leader in the state and in the region in making recycling available and easy to do, and our town ranks in the top tier consistently for percentage of solid waste being recycled. We've consistently been the first in our district to offer and expand recycling capability for our users, so that our transfer station is really a one-stop place for all of our household solid waste. Our Solid Waste Management Committee is one of the most thoughtful and creative groups in town, constantly providing ways to help us keep as much of our waste as possible out of the landfill. It's no surprise that the bulky waste day for our region happens in Whately - the crack team at Whately Solid Waste Management makes that event happen twice a year, reliably and efficiently. All of this with a very modest budget, in a very small space. Now with extra pressures on the solid waste streams in Massachusetts, it seemed like a good time to recognize the Solid Waste Management Committee's work in helping us to help our planet.

Well, that was February. In March, when it came to dealing locally with the response to Covid-19, the role of our Board of Health came to the fore, and as a selectman, I really appreciate the expertise, thoughtfulness and professionalism that our Board of Health has delivered to all groups they support in municipal government and the businesses they oversee. When our selectboard, other town boards, and schools needed facts and options for keeping our community safe, the Board of Health was ready with data and advice to support their decision-making. The Board of Health meets weekly now as I write this in mid/late April and works diligently with South County EMS, Boards of Health of neighboring towns and relevant state agencies to be sure we catch things that might otherwise fall through the cracks of our less than optimal health system. During normal times, the Board of Health is most often seen as the enforcer of rules and regs, a group that has to tell people what they can and can't do for the good of public health. In the current crisis, it has been a real team player and a great help in our municipal government, bringing good information and thoughtful advice to the table when decision makers need facts and options, and for that it deserves recognition.



So, to whom should I dedicate this town report? One name comes up as a leader in all three of these struggles – Fran Fortino.

I think Fran might say that he is getting credit for the work of a wide and vast team in all three cases. Perhaps he would have a point there, as the reader can see from the descriptions above. I pick Fran out because of his visible leadership in all three of these areas, and in times like these, leadership counts.

Joyce Palmer-Fortune, Chair, Whately Selectboard, April 2020



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# SELECTBOARD REPORT

The Selectboard extends its heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all of the resident volunteers, town employees and first responders that continue to courageously serve the Town during the on-going COVID19 pandemic. This dedication and willingness to serve is the reason that Whately is the greatest place to live, work and play.

Reflecting back on the calendar year 2019 is difficult in light of the on-going COVID19 pandemic that has substantially altered our way of life and how we interact with one another. While difficult, reflecting on the past reminds us that great things lay ahead for our Town when this difficult chapter in the history of our Nation is brought to a close.

Much of the work accomplished in 2019 involved the planning and designing of future improvements to town buildings and infrastructure.

- The Town completed the engineering and design for the replacement of two bridges on Williamsburg Road. Once completed, the construction of the new bridges will allow the road to be reopened for the first time since its closure in 2010.
- The Town completed the design for the reconstruction of the severely deteriorated sidewalks along Chestnut Plain Road. Once completed, the construction of the new sidewalks and installation of crosswalks will significantly improve pedestrian accommodations in the center of town.
- The Town completed the design of handicapped accessibility improvements at the S. White Dickinson Library. Once completed, the improvements will make all public spaces within the Library, including the restrooms, accessible to patrons of all abilities.

Towards the end of 2019, the Water Department completed and activated a manganese filtration system that removes all detectable amounts of manganese from the public drinking water. The filtration system has made a significant improvement in the overall quality of the drinking water provided to residents. The Water Department is also moving forward with plans to install a pumping station on Chestnut Plain Road that will allow the Department to serve the residents currently served by the Whately Water District.

At the 2018 Annual Town Meeting, residents voted to approve local zoning bylaws that allowed the cultivation and retail sale of recreational marijuana in the Town. In 2019, the Selectboard negotiated one host community agreement with a marijuana cultivation establishment and two host community agreements with marijuana retail establishments. All of these establishments are still waiting for approval from the state Cannabis Control Commission. Once operational these establishments should provide a financial benefit to the Town in the years to come.

As for 2020, the Town is well resourced and well positioned to manage the public health and financial impacts of the COVID19 pandemic, while still providing the high level of services that residents have come to expect. When the current public health concerns subside, the Selectboard fully intends to move forward with completing these important building and infrastructure improvement projects. Looking a bit further ahead to 2021, Whately will be celebrating its 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The 250<sup>th</sup> Committee has been working diligently for the past two years to plan a number of special events to celebrate this special occasion, so please stay tuned for future announcements about these celebrations.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the Whately Selectboard - Joyce Palmer-Fortune, Whately Selectboard Chair



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - 2018

The Personnel Committee annually makes recommendations to the Selectboard and Finance Committee on the salaries and wages for all paid town positions. The Committee also evaluates and recommends changes to the personnel policies and job descriptions of town employees.

The Committee implemented a new process for its annual salary review process. The Committee identified ten similar communities to use as the basis for salary comparisons. The criteria used to identify the ten similar communities were population, geographic proximity, average single-family tax bill, annual total tax levy, median household income, equalized value, CIP% of total assessed value, and road mileage. The ten communities identified as similar to Whately are Shelburne, Westhampton, Ashfield, Buckland, Conway, Hatfield, Hinsdale, Leverett, Pelham and Shutesbury. These same communities will be used for future annual salary reviews.

For FY19, the Personnel Committee made the following salary adjustment recommendations based on the results of its annual salary review:

Position	Current Rate	Recommended Rate
Administrative Assistant	\$18.00	\$19.20
Town Clerk	\$21.73	\$22.60
Assistant Treasurer/Collector	\$20.91	\$22.45

The Personnel Committee voted to recommend that each employee receive a 2.25% cost of living adjustment for all town employees.

The Personnel Committee is made up of two representatives appointed by the Moderator, one representative from the Board of Selectmen, one from the Finance Committee, and one employee elected by the employees. The Town Administrator serves as a non-voting member.

The Personnel Committee believes it has balanced the needs of the employees with the financial resources of the town to make responsible salary and wage recommendations for FY19.





## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE - 2018

The Finance Committee worked diligently over the past four months to develop reasonable budget recommendations for FY19. The Finance Committee is recommending a FY19 Town Operations budget of \$5,068,403 which represents 3.63% change from the FY18 Town Operations budget. The Finance Committee believes that the FY19 budget recommendations as presented will fund a level of services equal to those of the prior fiscal year without overburdening taxpayers.

The Finance Committee also reviewed the capital project recommendations from the Capital Improvement Planning Committee. After careful consideration of those requests, the Finance Committee recommends the following capital projects be funded:

Department/Facility	Item/Equipment/Program	Cost
Highway	Replace Plow (F550)	\$7,000
Highway	Deck Mower	\$12,700
Highway Garage	Replace Roof	\$25,000
Fire Station	Monitored Fire Detection System	\$6,000
Whately Elementary School Building	Sprinkler System Repairs	\$50,000
Town Office Building	HVAC Repairs	\$8,000
Town Office Building	Roof Repairs	\$3,500
Athletic Fields	Installation of Fence	\$1,800
Library	Lights & Electrical Upgrades	\$5,000
Cemeteries	Lawnmower	\$6,000

After extensive discussion and the receipt of additional information from both the Fire Department and Police Department, and in light of the current positive financial position of the Town, the Finance Committee recommends the following two additional capital projects be funded this upcoming fiscal year.

Department/Facility	Item/Equipment/Program	Cost
Police Department	Police Cruiser	\$45,000
Fire Department	Rescue & Transport Vehicle	\$40,000

The Finance Committee also voted to support the additional spending for the Town Hall rehabilitation project. The Committee voted 4 to 3 to support the requested \$102,000 to complete the project, while several of the members would have supported contributing a lesser amount. The amount requested is proposed to come out of available funds, free cash and receipts reserved for appropriation (proceeds from the sale of the cell tower easement) so that the additional spending will not increase the tax levy or the tax rate for FY19.

The total cost for the recommended capital projects supported by the Finance Committee is \$312,000. The Finance Committee recommends that all the capital projects be paid for with available funds (FY17 Free Cash and Vehicle Stabilization Fund). The use of available funds to pay for capital projects helps keep the tax levy and tax rate lower.

The Finance Committee voted to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation of a 2.25% cost of living adjustment for Town employees. The cost of living adjustment will ensure that the Town remains competitive with other communities and to ensure the Town is paying its valuable employees equitably for their time and commitment to providing our residents with the services they need.

Increases in health care costs and education funding continue to be the primary driver of increases to the Town's operating budget. For FY19, the costs for the group health insurance have increased by \$72,413 or approximately 19.5% from the previous fiscal year. This increase is due to premium increases and the addition of five additional subscribers to the group health insurance over the past year.

While the Town's assessment for Frontier was slightly less than the previous year, the Whately Elementary School budget increased by \$41,003 or 2.5% from the previous fiscal year.

Annual increases of this magnitude to the education and group health insurance budgets are simply not sustainable over a long period of time without a reduction in the level of services provided by the Town and/or additional increases in taxes. The Finance Committee will continue to work with the School Committee and the Selectboard to address these concerns.

The Finance Committee once again feels that the budget as recommended balances the financial needs of the Town without overburdening our taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted

Whately Finance Committee

Paul Antaya, Chair

Roger (Dan) Kennedy

Robert Fydenkevez

Thomas Mahar

Joseph Zewinski

James Kirkendall

Fred Baron



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE - 2018

Established in 1995, the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) is responsible for the long-range planning of capital projects on an on-going basis. The CIPC studies the need for capital projects submitted by town departments, boards and committees and makes recommendations on the priority of each proposed project. As part of its review the CIPC considers the relative impact, timing and cost of the proposed capital projects and the effect each will have on the overall financial position of the town. A five-year plan has been developed by the CIPC and is updated each year based on the changing needs of the town departments, boards and committees.

The CIPC conducted a comprehensive review of the proposed capital projects for FY19 on January 11, 2018. A total of 12 capital projects were submitted (or deferred from the prior fiscal year) and considered for funding in FY19. The CIPC recommends funding the following projects:

Department/Facility	Item/Equipment/Program	Cost
Highway	Replace Plow (F550)	\$7,000
Highway	Deck Mower	\$12,700
Highway Garage	Replace Roof	\$25,000
Fire Station	Monitored Fire Detection System	\$6,000
Whately Elementary School Building	Sprinkler System Repairs	\$50,000
Town Office Building	HVAC Repairs	\$8,000
Town Office Building	Roof Repairs	\$3,500
Athletic Fields	Installation of Fence	\$1,800
Library	Lights & Electrical Upgrades	\$5,000
Cemeteries	Lawnmower	\$6,000
Total		\$125,000

The Committee voted to defer the Rescue & Transport Vehicle request from the Fire Department as well as the request for the Police Cruiser from the Police Department.

Respectfully submitted:

Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Dan Kennedy, Bruce Cleare, Donald Skroski, Fred Orloski, Bruce Tutan, Robert Duda, Town Administrator  
Brian Domina, ex-officio





## ANNUAL REPORT of the WHATELY BOARD OF HEALTH for 2017

Last year, we worked with our 2 Foothills Health District health agents Ron Laurin and Valerie Bird to cleanup several properties in Whately that were cited for health code violations. We continue to monitor and enforce the town's tobacco and nicotine control regulations, including the prohibition of sales to persons under 21 years old. The BOH reviewed several permit requests and intervened to help a homeless person in town find shelter and support.

We welcome Valerie Bird back as our sole health agent to address your public health concerns and requests for permits, etc. See our FHD health agent's 2017 report for more details.

In 2017, we began to discuss options for keeping Whately residents in their homes and healthy as we age. Most people would like to be able to age in place, but may need a little help to do so.

For that reason, we invite all Whately residents to join us in starting a community-wide effort to help each other age, and/or recover from an illness at home. We will hold the first community meeting on **Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 6 p.m.** in the Town Office Bldg., large conference room to discuss some options.

We hope eventually to form a neighbor-helping-neighbor community volunteer program like others in the state and country that provide a "little help" when needed at home. Volunteers in these programs help in their communities by:

- Providing phone calls or home visits just for the contact with others,
- Raking leaves or shovel snow in season, and other light home chores,
- Accompanying or driving someone to medical appointments, shopping, church, etc.
- Making wellness checks to identify needs and outside resources.

For more information, please contact the Whately Board of Health members: Fran Fortino at 665-4561 or Mike Archbald at 413-537-2612.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Archbald, Barbara Banik, and Fran Fortino - Whately Board of Health





## **WHATELY TOWN OFFICIALS – ELECTED OFFICIALS**

### **SELECTBOARD**

Joyce Palmer Fortune, Chair  
Frederick Orloski  
Jonathan Edwards

Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2022

### **TOWN CLERK**

Lynn Sibley

Term Expires 2022

### **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Frederick Orloski, Chair  
Melanie Chorak  
Cathleen Grady

Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2022

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Francis Fortino, Chair  
Michael Archbald  
Rebecca Jones

Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2022  
Term Expires 2020

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Katie Edwards, Chair  
Maureen Nichols  
Robert Halla

Term Expires 2022  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2021

### **FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

William J. Smith

Term Expires 2021

### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Quint Dawson, Chair  
James Ross  
Sheila Powers  
Lawrence Ashman  
Robert Smith  
Kenneth Moulton  
Megan West

Resigned 2019  
Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2022  
Term Expires 2020  
Appointed until next election

### **CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

Darcy Tozier  
Elizabeth Conlisk  
Neal Abrahams

Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2022

### **MODERATOR**

Richard E. Smith

Term Expires 2020

**CONSTABLES**

Edwin Zaniewski	Term Expires 2022
Thomas Mahar	Term Expires 2022

**ELECTOR TO THE WILL OF OLIVER SMITH**

Adelia Bardwell	Term Expires 2020
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**WATER COMMISSIONERS**

George Bucala, Jr., Chair	Term Expires 2022
Paul M. Fleuriel, Jr.	Term Expires 2021
Georgeann Default	Term Expires 2020

**SELECTBOARD APPOINTMENTS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Brian Domina	Term Expires 2022
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**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Amy Schrader	Term Expires 2020
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**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

FRCOG – Dara LaPlante	Term Expires 2020
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**TREASURER/COLLECTOR**

Lynn Sibley	Term Expires 2020
Janet Scully, Assistant	Term Expires 2020

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Kopelman & Paige	Term Expires 2020
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**PUBLIC SERVICE  
SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS**

Keith Bardwell	Term Expires 2020
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**KEEPER OF THE POUND**

Daniel G. Denehy	Term Expires 2020
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**TREE WARDEN**

Keith Bardwell	Term Expires 2020
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## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **CHIEF OF POLICE**

James Sevigne, Jr.

Term Expires 2023

### **SERGEANT**

Donald Bates

Term Expires 2020

### **PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS**

Randall Williams

James Purcell

Marc Bryden

Edwin Zaniewski

Raymond Vandaloski

Joshua Thomas

Kristjan Viise

Adam Zaniewski

Jeffrey Baker, Court Officer

Brandon Lavecchia

Term Expires 2020

### **FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN**

John S. Hannum

Term Expires 2020

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Lynn M. Sibley

Term Expires 2020

### **ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Alan E. Sanderson, Jr.

Term Expires 2020

### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Richard Adamcek

Term Expires 2020

### **HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR**

Fran Fortino

Term Expires 2020

### **MUNICIPAL RIGHT TO KNOW COORDINATOR**

John S. Hannum

Term Expires 2020

## **INSPECTORS AND INSPECTION SERVICES**

### **FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE INSPECTION PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE**

James Ross

Term Expires 2020

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE INSPECTION  
PROGRAM**

Building Inspector – James D. Hawkins  
Wiring Inspector - Tom MacDonald  
Plumbing Inspector – Andy French

Term Expires 2020

**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND BARNS**

Richard Adamcek

Term Expires 2020

**WEIGHTS AND MEASURERS**

Northampton Coop Auction  
Janet Land  
Kim Reardon  
Samantha Vanos  
Linda Davenport

Term Expires 2020

**FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS**

Ai. S. Annis, Jr.  
David Chamutka  
Richard Adamcek  
Vacancy

Term Expires 2020

**VETERANS SERVICES**

**VETERAN'S AGENT**

Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans District

Term Expires 2020

**TOWN REPRESENTATIVE TO UPPER PIONEER  
VALLEY VETERANS DISTRICT**

Donald Sluter

Term Expires 2020

**VETERANS GRAVES OFFICERS**

Raymond Billiel

Term Expires 2020

**GENERAL GOVERNMENTS**

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Cynthia Sanderson  
Amy Schrader  
Theresa Billiel  
Lynn Sibley, Town Clerk

Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2022



**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Roger Lipton, Chair  
Debra Carney, Vice-Chair  
Robert Smith

Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2022

***Alternates***

Frederick Orloski  
Kristin Vevon

Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2020

**ADA Coordinator**

Brian Domina

Term Expires 2020

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Scott Jackson, Chair  
Montserrat Archbald  
Ann Barker  
George Owens  
Andrew Ostrowski

Term Expires 2022  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2022  
Term Expires 2020

**TRI-TOWN BEACH COMMITTEE**

William Skroski, Jr., Chair  
Susan Monahan  
Vacancy

Term Expires 2022  
Term Expires 2021

**RECREATION COMMISSION**

Justin Davis, Chair  
Jonathan Edwards  
Carol Hutkoski  
Wayne Hutkoski  
Thomas Sadoski  
Christopher Skroski  
Andrew Mihalak  
Meghan Ashman  
Shelley Yagodzinski

Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2020  
Resigned January 2020  
Appointed February 2020

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Donna Wiley, Chair  
Alan McArdle  
Judy Markland  
Susan Baron  
Darcy Tozier

Term Expires 2021  
Term Expires 2022  
Term Expires 2020  
Term Expires 2022  
Term Expires 2021

**ENERGY COMMITTEE**

Jonathan Edwards  
Nathanael Fortune  
Paul Newlin

### **CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Nancy Talanian, Chair	Term Expires 2020
Adelia Bardwell	Term Expires 2020
Julie Waggoner	Term Expires 2021
Joyce Palmer-Fortune	Term Expires 2020
George Reynold	Term Expires 2021
Riina Viise	Term Expires 2021
Jenny Morrison	Term Expires 2021
Richard Korpiewski	Term Expires 2021

### **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

Timothy Nourse, Chair	Term Expires 2020
William Obear	Term Expires 2022
David Chamutka	Term Expires 2020
John Devine, Secretary	Term Expires 2022
Margaret Christie	Term Expires 2021
Doug Coldwell	Term Expires 2021
James Golonka	Term Expires 2022

### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Virginia C. Allis	Resigned 2019
Ruth Leahey	Appointed 2019, Term Expires 2020
Lois Bean	Resigned 2019
Denise Govoni	Appointed 2019, Term Expires 2020
Maryann Sadoski	Term Expires 2020
Kathryn McGrail	Term Expires 2021
Lois Hunt	Term Expires 2021

### **CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Randy K. Sibley  
Joyce Palmer-Fortune

### **HOUSING COMMITTEE**

Frederick Orloski	Term Expires 2020
Catherine Wolkowicz	Term Expires 2020
Richard Tillberg	Term Expires 2020
Fred Baron	Term Expires 2020

### **HOUSING TRUST**

Frederick Orloski	Term Expires 2021
Catherine Wolkowicz	Term Expires 2021
Richard Tillberg	Term Expires 2020
Fred Baron	Term Expires 2020

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF  
GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTATIVE**

Lynn Sibley  
Brian Domina, Alternate

Term Expires 2020

**FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**

Larry Kutner  
Quinton Dawson, Alternate

Term Expires 2020

Term Expires 2021

**FRANKLIN COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

Richard Tillberg

Term Expires 2020

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Adelia Bardwell  
Virginia Allis  
Fred Orloski, Chair  
Judy Markland  
Anita Husted  
John Wroblewski  
Edward Sklepowicz

**MODERATOR'S APPOINTMENTS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Paul Antaya, Chair  
Thomas Mahar  
Robert Fydenkevez  
Roger Kennedy  
James Kirkendall  
Joseph Zewinski  
Roxanne Dunn  
Fred Baron

Term Expires 2022

Term Expires 2021

Term Expires 2021

Term Expires 2022

Term Expires 2020

Resigned 2019

Appointed 2019, resigned 2020

Term Expires 2021

**PLANNING BOARD**

Donald Sluter, Chair  
Sara Cooper  
Nicholas Jones  
Judy Markland  
Vacancy

Term Expires 2021

Term Expires 2019

Term Expires 2020

Term Expires 2021



## **OTHER OFFICIALS**

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Brian Domina, Town Administrator  
Frederick Orloski, Selectboard  
Katie Edwards, Superintendent Representative  
Darcy Tozier, At-Large  
Vacancy, At-Large  
Roger Kennedy, Finance Committee  
Nicholas Jones, Planning Board Rep.

### **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE - CPC**

Alan Sanderson, Jr., Chair  
Andrew Ostrowski  
Donna Wiley  
Judy Markland  
Catherine Wolkowicz  
Jonathan Edwards  
Doug Coldwell

Conservation Commission 2019  
Historical Commission 2021  
Planning Board 2020  
Housing Rep. 2020  
Recreation Commission 2020  
Term Expires 2022

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Joyce Palmer Fortune  
Keith Bardwell  
Thomas Mahar  
Betty Orloski  
Susan Baron

Appt. by Selectboard  
Elected by Employees  
Appt. by Finance Committee  
Appt. by Moderator 2019  
Appt. by Moderator 2021

### **SOUTH COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD OF OVERSIGHT REPRESENTATIVES**

Jonathan Edwards  
Gary Stone

### **SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER BOARD OF OVERSIGHT REPRESENTATIVES**

Jonathan Edwards

Whately Representative

### **ASSISTANT ASSESSOR**

Cynthia Herbert-Ramirez

Appt. by Board of Assessors

### **HEALTH AGENT**

Mark Bushee

Foothills Health District

**WATER SUPERINTENDENT**

Wayne Hutkoski

Appt. by Water Commissioners

**LIBRARIAN**

Cyndi Steiner

Appt. by Library Trustees

**FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Robert Halla

Appt. by Whately School Committee

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Darius Modestow

Appt. by all School Committees

**PRINCIPAL OF WHATELY SCHOOLS**

Kristina Kirton

Appt. by Superintendent of Schools

**TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS**

Quinton Dawson

John Leva

Megan West

Roger Huard, alternate

**250TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

Joyce Palmer-Fortune

Keith Bardwell

Fred Baron

Susan Baron

John S. Hannum

Don Sluter

The Town of Whately has many Boards, Committees and Commissions that exist solely because of the selflessness and dedication of the many volunteers. The Town would like to acknowledge and thank these individuals who are currently serving and have worked countless hours to make the Town a great place to live.

We thank you! The Selectboard continues to search for volunteers to staff the Town's various Boards and Committees. Serving on one of the Town's Boards, Committees, or Commissions offers a rewarding challenge to share your talents as well as your energy to make our Town a great place to live.

## TOWN CLERK

2019 was a somewhat quiet year in the Town Clerk's Office. We conducted 1 election during the calendar year; the June 11 Town Election. The office was also involved in the Annual Town Meeting and 3 Special Town Meetings. For copies of those minutes, please go to the website [www.whately.org](http://www.whately.org).

With only one election this year, it gave us the opportunity to work on our records management project. King Information was hired to review all documents, determine its retention status and recommend disposal of all documents eligible for disposal. King installed shelving in the vault, boxed all documents and produced a data retrieval database which indicates where in the vault each box is located. This project has saved us an enormous amount of searching time.

The Town Code book is in draft form and is being reviewed by Town Counsel as we speak. The editing of the draft has taken longer than expected. We hope for this project to be completed by July 2020.

The Town has been using our two new programs, one to track Board and Committee members and town employees and the other to track Public Records requests. We have added most of the current data into the Boards and Committees program. We now can look up any board or committee member, to find their contact information, terms of office, whether they have completed their Open Meeting and Ethics requirements with just a few keystrokes rather than searching separate databases. We hope to update the database with historical data as well. Our Public Records software also allows us to see any unfilled records requests at a glance so we won't miss any deadlines.

As a reminder to all the hunters and fishermen out there, you may obtain your licenses locally at Dick's Sporting Goods, Walmart or online at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/licensing/>.

Vital Records and Dog Licenses may be purchased online, by mail, or in the office. If your dog has been registered in Whately before and has a valid rabies certificate on file with the Town Clerk, you may use the online service. For Vital Records, it is a good idea to call first just to make sure we have the record that you are seeking. To pay online, just go to [www.whately.org](http://www.whately.org) and go to Pay Bills then click on Whately Town Clerk and follow the instructions. You can pay with your bank account with a fee of .25 cents or with a Master Card, Visa or Discover card with considerably higher fees depending on the price of the purchase.

My hours in the Whately Town Offices, 4 Sandy Lane are Monday 8:15 a.m. – 7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 8:15 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. – Noon. As always, I am willing to set up appointments for special circumstances outside of these hours.

My office in the Town Office Building is handicapped accessible which makes visiting my office much easier for those with physical challenges.

The following is a summary of the activities of the Town Clerk's Office for the year 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn M. Sibley, Town Clerk



## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
7	9	6	14	18	10	14

### MARRIAGES

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
11	13	7	13	10	7	5

### DEATHS

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
18	17	10	6	18	12	13

## ***2019 DOG LICENSES***

17	Male Dogs @ \$15.00	\$ 255.00
151	Neutered Male Dogs @ \$10.00	1,510.00
24	Female Dogs @ \$15.00	360.00
<u>174</u>	Spayed Female Dogs @ \$10.00	<u>1,740.00</u>
366		\$3,865.00
	Plus Fines Charged for Late Licensing	<u>1,700.00</u>
	Licenses carried from 2018	-42.50
	Total Turned Over to Treasurer	\$5,522.50

## ***OTHER FEES COLLECTED BY TOWN CLERK***

Zoning Board – Appeals	1,125.00
Planning Board – ANR – Other Filings	650.00
Sale of Street Listing	28.00
Gas Renewal Permits	200.00
Vitals	905.00
Business Certificates	205.00
Miscellaneous	115.35
Sale of Zoning Bylaws	35.00
Raffle	<u>30.00</u>

Total Other Fees Paid to Town Treasury in Clerk Receipts	\$3,952.35
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# BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board inspected sixty-five homes and a dozen businesses during the spring and summer, mostly homes with new growth—renovations, additions, new construction—and those that had sold in the past year. Sales analyses showed that our assessments were close to market value so no overall value changes were made. Cathleen Grady was elected to her first full term. The Board worked closely with a consultant on several new home values. The tax rate was set at \$15.67 per thousand for fiscal year 2020. Town valuation by class is as follows:

Residential	\$218,616,384
Open Space (Ch 61,A,B)	2,709,253
Commercial	23,433,042
Industrial	22,202,400
Personal	<u>11,638,906</u>
Total	\$266,961,079

The assessors' office is open Tuesdays from 9 to 5 o'clock, Tuesday evenings 7 to 8:30 and Wednesdays from 9 to 4. The Board reminds residents that the assessors will be making inspections Tuesday evenings starting in April 2020 and will continue throughout the summer until the end of August. Postcards are always sent to owners of property to be visited a week before the inspection. During the summer the assessors are back in the office shortly before 9 o'clock. From Christmas until the end of March, the Board meets generally on the first and third Tuesdays, although the office is open every Tuesday evening.

Frederick P. Orloski, chairman  
Melanie A. Chorak  
Cathleen C. Grady

Cynthia C. Herbert, Assistant Assessor

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER  
TOWN OF WHATLEY, MA  
BANK ACCOUNTS – FY 2019**

<b>BANK</b>	<b>BALANCE 6/30/2018</b>	<b>BALANCE 6/30/2019</b>
<b>PEOPLE'S UNITED</b>		
GENERAL CASH	\$458,791.15	\$163,958.03
CPA FUND	\$230,467.42	\$248.15
PAYROLL ACCT	\$2.48	\$27.63
SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNT		\$17,594.75
<b>UNIBANK</b>		
ONLINE COLLECTIONS	\$606,286.07	\$766,436.24
AMBULANCE FUND	\$64,551.06	\$65,193.70
UNIBANK TOWN CLERK	\$3,069.93	\$3,875.06
GENERAL REVENUE ACCT	\$142,794.27	\$354,124.76
SCHOOL ACCOUNT	\$104,779.19	\$196,978.66
DEBIT CARD	\$671.26	\$673.18
RECREATION	\$35.04	\$35.18
DEPUTY COLLECTOR	\$19,369.95	\$35,223.84
<b>ADAMS BANK</b>		
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACCT.		\$231,608.22



**CITIZEN'S BANK**

GENERAL CHECKING	\$1,181.02	\$1,181.14
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**EASTHAMPTON SAVINGS BANK**

CULTURAL COUNCIL	\$2,668.01	\$2,673.32
GENERAL FUND	\$9,230.43	\$9,248.87
GENERAL CHECKING	\$1,552,818.89	\$642,819.91

**MMDT**

GENERAL REVENUE	\$22,366.55	\$22,925.62
BARNARD FUND CHURCH	\$1,039.61	\$1,065.59
S. WHITE AGED PERS FUND	\$8,849.49	\$9,070.60
A/C DAVENPORT POOR FUND	\$2,956.75	\$3,030.70
AMBULANCE REPLACE FUND	\$146.87	\$150.52
WHATELY GRANGE FUND	\$70.09	\$71.61

**PEOPLES BANK**

SCHOOL VENDOR ACCT	\$0.01	\$18.40
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**BARTHOLOMEW**

AMB CAP STABILIZATION	\$61,482.57	\$879.38
GEN CAP STABILIZATION	\$184,001.46	\$186,062.10
VEHICLE STABILIZATION	\$10,087.07	\$51,421.66
SEPTIC	\$16,498.64	\$16,683.39

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	\$57,984.34	\$58,633.71
STABILIZATION	\$221,724.73	\$364,877.46
ENA CANE LIBRARY	\$4,105.60	\$4,151.58
OLIVE K DAMON LIBRARY	\$11,895.42	\$12,028.65
ANNIE DANFORTH LIBRARY	\$744.72	\$753.06
S. WHITE DICKINSON LIBRARY	\$89,641.96	\$90,645.87
PAUL F FIELD LIBRARY	\$5,070.86	\$5,127.68
JAMES FILIPKOWSKI	\$1,658.59	\$1,677.18
S & S FILIPKOWSKI LIBRARY	\$5,365.24	\$5,425.31
LOUIS KANDZ LIBRARY	\$1,189.85	\$1,203.19
J & J MAIEWSKI LIBRARY	\$3,024.62	\$3,058.46
ALICE RYAN ROBINSON	\$3,578.43	\$3,618.46
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$116,001.53	\$117,300.64
OPEB	\$104,565.47	\$134,099.06
CHECKS OUTSTANDING	(\$374,761.20)	(\$645,747.96)
PETTY CASH	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	\$3,756,605.44	\$2,940,732.56

# REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

TOWN OF WHATLEY, MA

JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

YEAR	TYPE OF TAX	COMMITTED OR BALANCE FORWARD	B/L OR TAX PAID	ABATEMENTS EXEMPTIONS	REFUNDS	TAX TITLES OR LIENED	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2016
2019	REAL ESTATE	4,053,460.86	3,945,579.87	16,660.62	4,264.10	27,559.78	67,924.69
	CPA/WATER	89,532.83	87,144.50				2,388.33
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	137,887.36	132,576.88	6.21	23.04		5,327.31
	MOTOR VEHICLE	351,630.30	329,069.13	3,538.83	1,446.09		20,468.43
	WATER	138,495.01	132,511.68	372.00			5,611.33
	FARM ANIMAL	8,942.50	8,700.00				242.50
2018	REAL ESTATE	93,214.49	55,186.10	0.00	17.16	27,359.64	10,685.91
	COMMUNITY PRES ACT	1,212.89	1,036.69				176.20
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	3,083.35	1,719.04	0.00	1,234.29		2,598.60
	MOTOR VEHICLE	59,621.99	56,398.68	1,644.48	1,624.92		3,203.75
	WATER	212,970.14	118,519.47	79,949.96			14,500.71
	FARM ANIMAL	8,954.85	8,769.85				185.00
2017	REAL ESTATE	29,347.74	16,464.44	3.21		8,099.68	4,780.41
	COMMUNITY PRES ACT	294.66	245.32				49.34
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	3,245.25		102.1			3,143.15
	MOTOR VEHICLE	3,359.93	2,651.86	0.00	0.00		708.07



	WATER	-1.30	0.38		-1.68
	FARM ANIMAL	210.25			210.25
2016	REAL ESTATE	7,644.33	595.54	4,406.50	2,642.29
	COMMUNITY PRES ACT	966.34	5.97	87.29	873.08
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	4,547.23	1,799.24		2,747.99
	MOTOR VEHICLE	1,291.48	566.05		725.43
	FARM ANIMAL	150.25			150.25
					0.00
2015	REAL ESTATE	8,666.12	252.40	4,790.39	3,623.33
	COMMUNITY PRES ACT	162.79	13.52		149.27
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	9,217.86		56.32	9,161.54
	MOTOR VEHICLE	1,383.13	308.13		1,075.00
	FARM ANIMAL	188.25			188.25
2014	REAL ESTATE	7,198.83	1,421.38	2,288.01	3,489.44
	COMMUNITY PRES ACT	219.70	29.86		189.84
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	2,777.16			2,777.16
	MOTOR VEHICLE	883.44	216.25		667.19
	WATER	2.75	2.75		0.00
2013	REAL ESTATE	3,668.19	245.88		3,422.31
	COMMUNITY PRES ACT	71.07	7.38		63.69
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	3,096.94			3,096.94
	MOTOR VEHICLE	935.64	79.39		856.25
2012	PERSONAL PROPERTY	2,560.01			2,560.01
	MOTOR VEHICLE	1,842.94			1,842.94
2011	PERSONAL PROPERTY	1,264.30			1,264.30
	MOTOR VEHICLE	531.04			531.04

2010	PERSONAL PROPERTY MOTOR VEHICLE	613.25 188.33	613.25 188.33
2009	PERSONAL PROPERTY	1,043.76	1,043.76
2008	PERSONAL PROPERTY MOTOR VEHICLE	68.44 496.04	68.44 496.04
2007	MOTOR VEHICLE	448.86	448.86
2006	PERSONAL PROPERTY MOTOR VEHICLE	31.99 511.57	31.99 511.57
2005	MOTOR VEHICLE	795.42	795.42
2004	MOTOR VEHICLE	414.06	414.06
2003	MOTOR VEHICLE	333.76	333.76
2002	MOTOR VEHICLE	584.89	584.89

Town of Whately

FY2019 Year to Date Expense Report

Account Code	Account Title	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Total Budget	YTD Actual	Balance	% Exp
001	Balance Sheet						
5400	General Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total 001	Balance Sheet	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
114	Moderator						
5400	General Expenses	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00%
Total 114	Moderator	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00%
122	Selectboard						
5400	General Expenses	99,919.00	0.00	99,919.00	97,432.27	2,486.73	97.51%
Total 122	Selectboard	99,919.00	0.00	99,919.00	97,432.27	2,486.73	97.51%
131	Finance Committee						
5400	General Expenses	150.00	0.00	150.00	135.00	15.00	90.00%



Total 131	Finance Committee	150.00	0.00	150.00	135.00	15.00	90.00%
<b>132</b>	<b>Reserve Fund</b>						
5400	General Expenses	20,000.00	(10,990.95)	9,009.05	0.00	9,009.05	0.00%
Total 132	Reserve Fund	20,000.00	(10,990.95)	9,009.05	0.00	9,009.05	0.00%
<b>135</b>	<b>Accountant</b>						
5400	General Expenses	19,998.00	0.00	19,988.00	19,998..00	0.00	100.00%
5421	Accounting Software	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00	100.00%
5800	Audit	7,275.00	22,000.00	29,275.00	13,775.00)	15,500.00	47.05%
Total 135	Accountant	28,013.00	22,000.00	50,013.00	34,513.00	15,500.00	69.01%
<b>141</b>	<b>Assessors</b>						
5400	General Expenses	35,348.00	300.00	35,648.00	35,448.94	199.06	99.44%
5499	Encumbered Funds	0.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 141	Assessors	35,348.00	307.00	35,655.00	35,455.94	199.06	99.44%
<b>145</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>						
5400	General Expenses	53,408.00	0.00	53,408.00	53,015.39	392.61	99.26%
5411	Tax Taking Expenses	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	3,574.74	4,425.26	44.68%

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Total 172	Agricultural Comm	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00%
<b>175</b>	<b>Planning Board</b>						
5400	General Expenses	2,135.00	0.0	2,135.00	2,053.62	81.38	96.19%
Total 175	Planning Board	2,135.00	0.0	2,135.00	2,053.62	81.38	96.19%
<b>176</b>	<b>Zoning/Appeals Board</b>						
5400	General Expenses	2,326.00	0.00	2,326.00	2,168.12	157.88	93.21%
Total 176	Zoning/Appeals Board	2,326.00	0.00	2,326.00	2,168.12	157.88	93.21%
<b>177</b>	<b>Housing Committee</b>						
5400	General Expenses	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	100.00%
Total 177	Housing Committee	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	100.00%
<b>192</b>	<b>Public Buildings</b>						
5400	General Expenses	66,493.00	0.00	66,493.00	56,324.24	10,168.76	84.71%
5425	Connect Cty	2,600.00	0.00	2,600	2,381.99	218.01	91.62%
5426	Computer Replacement	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	2,135.52	2,864.48	42.71%
5427	Website Update	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,490.62	9.38	99.73%
5428	Municipal Building Committee	800.00	0.00	800.00	0.00	800.00	0.00%



5440	Fuel	26,600.00	0.00	26,600.00	26,229.41	370.59	98.61%
5460	Supplies	2,750.00	0.00	2,750.00	2,750.00	0.00	100.00%
5499	Encumbered Funds	0.00	414.76	414.79	0.00	414.79	0.00%
5804	ATM4-25-17A#11 Twn Off IT	0.00	5,064.21	5,064.21	1,677.45	3,386.76	33.12%
5805	A#25FY17ATM Ren Twn Off Bldg	0.00	95,060.00	95,060.00	250.00	94,810.00	0.26%
5806	STM12-1-16A#9 Twn Off Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
5807	STM12-1-16A#10 Twn Off Vault	0.00	1,192.27	1,192.27	0.00	1,192.27	0.00%
5841	Design & Constr of Imprvs to Vets Monument near Twn Hall	0.00	7,425.00	7,425.00	0.00	7,425.00	0.00%
5848	ATM4-24-18A#23 Twn Off HVAC	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	5,023.00	2,977.00	62.79%
5849	ATM4-24-18A#24 Twn Off Roof Rpr	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00%
Total 192	Public Buildings	119,243.00	109,156.27	228,399.27	100,262.23	128,137.04	43.90%
193	Property Insurance						
5400	General Expenses	47,610.00	6,500.00	54,110.00	53,039.16	1,070.84	98.02%
Total 193	Property Insurance	47,610.00	6,500.00	54,110.00	53,039.16	1,070.84	98.02%
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195	Town Reports	500.00	0.00	500.00	79.20	420.80	15.84%
Total 195	Town Reports	500.00	0.00	500.00	79.20	420.80	15.84%
199	Longevity Compensation						
5400	General Expenses	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 199	Longevity Compensation	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00%
210	Police						
5400	General Expenses	196,681.00	0.00	196,681.00	195,962.77	718.23	99.63%
5429	PD Quinn Bill	5,292.00	0.00	5,292.00	5,291.48	0.52	99.99%
5845	ATM4-24-18A#18 Police Cruiser	45,000.00	0.00	45,000.00	43,750.18	1,249.82	97.22%
Total 210	Police	246,973.00	0.00	246,973.00	245,004.43	1,968.57	99.20%
220	Fire						
5400	General Expenses	62,288.00	655.79	62,943.79	41,196.02	21,747.77	65.45%
5808	ATM4-25-17A#13 Fire Prot Eq	0.00	7,885.00	7,885.00	295.00	7,590.00	3.74%
5846	ATM4-24-18A#19 Res&Tr Veh	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	100.00%
5847	ATM4-24-18A#20 Fire Det Sys Fire St	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 220	Fire	102,288.00	8,740.79	111,028.79	81,691.02	29,337.77	73.58%
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232	Emergency Medical Service								
5400	General Expenses	105,915.00	0.00	105,915.00	105,915.00	0.00		100.00%	
Total 232	Emergency Medical Service	105,915.00	0.00	105,915.00	105,91	0.00		100.00%	
291	Civil Defense								
5400	General Expenses	950.00	0.00	950.00	662.60	287.40	69.75%		
Total 291	Civil Defense	950.00	0.00	950.00	662.60	287.40	69.75%		
292	Animal Control Officer								
5400	General Expenses	4,838.00	0.00	4,838.00	2,782.31	2,055.69	57.51%		
Total 292	Animal Control Officer	4,838.00	0.00	4,838.00	2,782.31	2,055.69	57.51%		
293	Inspector of Animals								
5400	General Expenses	518.00	0.00	518.00	518.00	0.00	100.00%		
Total 293	Inspector of Animals	518.00	0.00	518.00	518.00	0.00	100.00%		
294	Tree Service								
5400	General Expenses	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00	5,341.72	158.28	97.12%		



Total 294	Tree Service	5,000.00	0.00	5,500.00	5,341.72	158.28	97.12%
300	Whately Elementary School						
5400	General Expenses	1,681,259.00	0.00	1,681,259.00	1,464,122.81	217,136.19	87.08%
5499	Encumbered Funds	0.00	155,773.52	155,773.52	154,031.80	1,741.72	98.88%
5809	Sprinkler Sys Whately Elem	45,000.00	32,282.69	77,282.96	70,922.79	6,360.17	91.77%
5810	Emergency Generator Elem Sch	0.00	58,800.00	58,800.00	31,771.36.	27,028.64	54.03%
5811	ATM4-25-17A#10 New Comm Sys	0.00	24,590.37	24,590.37	23,894.64	695.73	97.17%
5854	ATM4-24-18A#28Sch Trctr	4,004.00	0.00	4,004.00	4,004.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 300	Whately Elementary School	1,730,263.00	271,446.85	2,001,709.85	1,748,747.40	252,962.45	87.36%
310	Regional School						
5440	General Expenses	907,679.00	0.00	907,679.00	907,679.00	0.00	100.00%
5432	Frontier Reg Trans	16,555.00	0.00	16,555.00	16,555.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 310	Regional School	924,234.00	0.00	924,234.00	924,234.00	0.00	100.00%
320	Vocational/Technical Schools						
5400	General Expenses	162,113.00	0.00	162,113.00	162,113.00	0.00	100.00%
5445	Capital Assessment	5,785.00	0.00	5,785.00	5,784.21	0.79	99.99%

Total 320	Vocational/Technical Schools	167,898.00	0.00	167,898.00	167,897.21	0.79	100.00%
422	Highway Expenses						
5110	Salaries & Wages	130,210.00	0.00	130,210.00	128,151.47	2,058.53	98.42%
5400	General Expenses	78,600.00	0.00	78,600.00	78,600.00	0.00	100.00%
5408	Garage Maintenance	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	6,472.67	1,027.33	86.30%
5409	Road Machinery	21,000.00	0.00	21,000.00	20,840.71	159.29	99.24%
5499	Encumbered Funds	0.00	9.97	9.97	9.97	0.00	100.00%
5843	ATM4-24-18A#15 New Plow	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	5,925.00	1,075.00	84.64%
5844	ATM4-24-18A#17Highway Garage Roof	25,000.00	25,000.00	22,408.95	2,591.05	2,591.05	89.64%
Total 422	Highway Expenses	269,310.00	9.97	269,319.97	262,408.77	6,911.20	97.43%
423	Snow & Ice Removal						
5440	General Expenses	128,015.00	0.00	128,015.00	124,154.93	3,860.07	96.98%
Total 423	Snow & Ice Removal	128,015.00	0.00	128,015.00	124,154.93	3,860.07	96.98%
430	Waste Disposal						
5400	General Expenses	6,480.00	0.00	6,480.00	6,480.00	0.00	100.00%

Total 430	Waste Disposal	6,480.00	0.00	6,480.00	6,480.00	0.00	100.00%
433	Transfer Station						
5400	General Expenses	44,252.00	0.00	44,252.00	42,000.54	2,251.46	94.91%
5412	Hazardous Waste Coll	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1000.00	0.00	100.00%
5499	Encumbered Funds	0.00	1421.3*	1,421.39	1,421.39	0.00	100.00%
Total 433	Transfer Station	42,252.00	1,421.39	46,673.39	44,421.93	2,251.46	95.18%
450	Water Department						
5110	Salaries & Wages	3,305.00	0.00	3,380.00	1,159.90	2,220.10	34.32%
5817	Piping Modifications	0.00	13,400.00	13,400.00	4,800.00	8,600.00	0.00%
5818	STM12-1-16A#3 Wtr Sys Des	0.00	15,623.00	15,623.00	1,778.00	13,845.00	11.38%
Total 450	Water Department	3,305.00	29,023.00	32,403.00	7,737.90	24,665.10	23.88%
491	Cemetery						
5400	General Expenses	7,695.00	0.00	7,695.00	6,186.76	1,508.24	80.40%
5853	ATM4-24-18A#27 Cem Lwnmwr	6000.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00%
Total 491	Cemetery	13,695.00	0.00	13,695.00	6,186.76	7,508.24	45.18%



510	Health Inspections	17,111.00	520.00	17,631.00	17,626.23	4.77	99.97%
Total 510	Health Inspections	17,111.00	520.00	17,631.00	17,626.23	4.77	99.97%
<b>512</b>	<b>Board of Health</b>						
5400	General Expenses	2,934.00	0.00	2,934.00	2,877.81	56.19	98.08%
Total 512	Board of Health	2,934.00	0.00	2,934.00	2,877.81	56.19	98.08%
<b>541</b>	<b>Council on Aging</b>						
5400	General Expenses	13,069.00	5,072.00	18,141.00	18,141.00	0.00	100.00%
5434	Local Council on Aging Exp	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00%
Total 541	Council on Aging	13,569.00	5,072.00	18,641.00	18,141.00	50.00	97.32%
<b>543</b>	<b>Veteran's Services</b>						
5400	General Services	8,602.00	0.00	8,602.00	3,627.32	4,974.68	42.17%
Total 543	Veteran's Services	8,602.00	0.00	8,602.00	3,627.32	4,974.68	42.17%
<b>610</b>	<b>Library</b>						
5400	General Expenses	69,728.00	75.70	69,803.70	68,627.24	1,176.46	98.31%

5820	STM12-1-16A#6 Rprs Lib Ktchn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
5852	ATM4-24-18A#26Library Lights	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 610	Library	74,728.00	75.70	74,803.70	73,627.24	1,176.46		98.43%
<b>630</b>	<b>Recreation Activities</b>							
5400	General Expenses	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	9,868.50	131.50		98.69%
5444	Tri Town Beach	5,037.00	0.00	5,037.00	2,160.93	2,876.07		42.90%
5499	Encumbered Funds	0.00	308.96	308.96	0.00	308.96		0.00%
5821	FY17ATMA#15 Strg Shed Blue Sch	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00		0.00%
5836	Foundation for Dugouts	0.00	4,700.00	4,700.00	0.00	4,700.00		0.00%
5851	ATM4-24-18A#25 Fence Fire Stn Ballfield	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00	1,782.75	17.25		99.04%
Total 630	Recreation Activities	16,837.00	8,008.96	24,845.96	13,812.18	11,033.78		55.59%
<b>691</b>	<b>Historical Commission</b>							
5400	General Expenses	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00		100.00%
Total 691	Historical Commission	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00		100.00%
<b>692</b>	<b>Celebrations</b>							

5855	ATM4-24-18A#29 250th Celeb	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00%
Total 692	Celebrations	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00%
<b>710</b>	<b>Retirement of Debt</b>						
5960	Highway Dump Truck #2	47,012.00	0.00	47,012.00	47,012.00	0.00	100.00%
5970	Fire Department Pumper	84,428.00	0.00	84,428.00	84,427.30	0.70	100.00%
Total 710	Retirement of Debt	131,440.00	0.00	131,440.00	131,439.30	0.70	100.00%
<b>752</b>	<b>Interest on Short-term Debt</b>						
5900	Int-Maturing Debt	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%
Total 752	Interest on Short-term Debt	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%
<b>820</b>	<b>State Assessments &amp; Charges</b>						
5631	School Choice	123,469.00	0.00	123,469.00	94,665.00	28,804.00	76.67%
5640	Air Pollution District	547.00	0.00	547.00	501.00	46.00	91.59%
5646	RMV Marking Surchg	1,240.00	0.00	1,240.00	1,136.00	104.00	91.61%
5663	Reg Transit Authority	9,391.00	0.00	9,391.00	8,608.00	783.00	91.66%
Total 820	State Assessments & Charges	134,647.00	0.00	134,647.00	104,910.00	29,737.00	77.91%
<b>830</b>	<b>FRCOG Assessment &amp; Chgs</b>						

5435	Assessment	19,940.00	0.00	19,940.00	19,640.00	300.00	98.50%
5436	Inspection	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 830	FRCOG Assessment & Chgs	27,440.00	0.00	27,440.00	27,140.00	300.00	98.91%
<b>911</b>	<b>Retirement Contribution</b>						
5400	General Expenses	173,817.00	5,100.00	178,917.00	178,896.44	20.56	99.99%
5856	ATM4-24-18A#31Dep Empl Bens	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00%
Total 911	Retirement Contribution	176,817.00	5,100.00	181,917.00	178,896.44	3,020.56	98.34%
<b>912</b>	<b>Worker's Compensation</b>						
5400	General Expenses	16,948.00	0.00	16,948.00	16,296.00	652.00	96.15%
Total 912	Worker's Compensation	16,948.00	0.00	16,948.00	16,296.00	652.00	96.15%
<b>913</b>	<b>Unemployment Compensation</b>						
5400	General Expenses	16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	0.00%
Total 913	Unemployment Compensation	16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	0.00%
<b>914</b>	<b>Health Insurance</b>						
5437	Group Hlth Ins	443,959.00	0.00	443,959.00	373,484.82	70,474.18	84.13%
5438	Life Insurance	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	837.80	162.20	83.78%



5439	Physicals & Tests	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	455.00	1,045.00	30.33%
5441	Police & Fire Ins	14,700.00	0.00	14,700.00	10,089.00	4,611.00	68.63%
5499	Encumbered Funds	0.00	624.00	624.00	430.00	194.00	68.91%
Total 914	Health Insurance	461,159.00	624.00	461,783.00	385,296.62	76,486.38	83.44%
916	Medicare						
5400	General Expenses	29,253.00	410.95	29,663.95	29,663.95	0.00	100.00%
Total 916	Medicare	29,253.00	410.95	29,663.95	29,663.95	0.00	100.00%
917	Medicaid						
5400	General Expenses	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	996.04	1,003.96	49.80%
218	FY18	0.00	19.88	19.88	0.00	19.88	0.00%
Total 917	Medicaid	2,000.00	19.88	2,019.88	996.04	1,023.84	49.31%
970	Transfer To						
5961	Transfer to Spec Rev Fnd	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	100.00%
5962	Transfer to Stabilization Fund	65,000.00	0.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Total 970	Transfer To	90,000.00	0.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	0.00	100.00%
	Report Difference	5,481,354.00	489,429.66	5,970,783.66	5,305,653.25	665,130.41	88.86%

# Town of Whately – Budget Versus Revenue Report

June 30, 2019

Account Code	Account Title	Original Budget	YTD Actual	Balance
001	Balance Sheet			
4110	Personal Property Taxes	137,887.39	133,045.75	4,841.64
4120	Real Estate Taxes	4,022,768.61	4,013,269.74	9,498.87
4142	Tax Liens Redeemed	0.00	36.48	(36.48)
4146	Rollback Taxes	0.00	4,267.32	(4,267.32)
4150	Motor Vehicle Excise	250,000.00	386,218.51	(136,218.51)
4162	Farm Animal Excise	0.00	8,700.00	(8,700.00)
4170	Pen & Int on Prop Taxes	18,000.00	16,720.24	(1,279.76)
4171	Pen & Int on Excise Taxes	0.00	1,487.14	(1,487.14)
4173	Tax Title Interest	0.00	13.52	(13.52)
4180	Pmts In Lieu of Taxes	0.00	56.09	(56.09)
4360	Rentals	10,000.00	22,800.00	(12,800.00)
4610	Reimb for Loss of Taxes	0.00	28,237.00	(28,237.00)
4613	Veterans Abatements	11,256.00	22,094.00	(10,838.00)
4620	School Aid Chapter 70	262,160.00	278,623.00	(16,463.00)

4622	Meals/Rooms Tax	22,000.00	25,711.02	(3,711.02)
4640	School Choice	25,414.00	25,982.00	(568.00)
Account Code	Account Title	Original Budget	YTD Actual	Balance
4661	Lottery Aid	138,760.00	127,197.00	11,563.00
4665	Veterans Benefits	30,804.00	0.00	30,804.00
4685	Fines - Court	15,000.00	20,104.94	(5,104.94)
4771	Fines - District Court	0.00	1,580.00	(1,580.00)
4820	Earnings on Investments	5,000.00	12,111.78	(7,111.78)
4840	Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	53,514.29	(53,514.29)
4971	Tr Fr Special Revenue	85,000.00	0.00	0.00
Total 001	Balance Sheet	5,034,050.00	5,266,769.82	(232,719.82)
122	Selectboard			
4410	Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	5,000.00	150.00	4,850.00
4420	Other Licenses	5,000.00	11,677.50	(6,677.50)
Total 122	Selectboard	10,000.00	11,827.50	(1,827.50)
145	Treasurer			
4320	Fees	1,000.00	575.00	425.00
Total 145	Treasurer	1,000.00	575.00	425.00

Account Code	Account Title	Original Budget	YTD Actual	Balance
146	Collector			
4320	Fees	5,000.00	9,762.00	(4,762.00)
Total 146	Collector	5,000.00	9,762.00	(4,762.00)
149	Other - Registry Marking			
4320	Fees	0.00	1,515.00	(1,515.00)
Total 149	Other - Registry Marking	0.00	1,515.00	(1,515.00)
161	Clerk			
4320	Fees	3,000.00	1,829.70	1,170.30
Total 161	Clerk	3,000.00	1,829.70	1,170.30
171	Conservation Commission			
4320	Fees	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total 171	Conservation Commission	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
175	Planning Board			
4320	Fees	0.00	75.00	(75.00)



Total 175	Planning Board	0.00	75.00	(75.00)
Account Code	Account Title	Original Budget	YTD Actual	Balance
210	Police			
4320	Fees	5,000.00	5,869.50	(869.50)
Total 210	Police	5,000.00	5,869.50	(869.50)
220	Fire			
4320	Fees	0.00	13,603.00	(13,603.00)
Total 220	Fire	0.00	13,603.00	(13,603.00)
422	Highway Expenses			
4450	Permits	0.00	225.00	(225.00)
Total 422	Highway Expenses	0.00	225.00	(225.00)
433	Transfer Station			
4320	Fees	24,000.00	28,500.15	(4,500.15)
Total 433	Transfer Station	24,000.00	28,500.15	(4,500.15)

Account Code	Account Title	Original Budget	YTD Actual	Balance
512	Board of Health			
4320	Fees	5,000.00	7,342.50	(2,342.50)
Total 512	Board of Health	5,000.00	7,342.50	(2,342.50)
	Report Difference	5,088,050.00	5,347,894.17	(259,844.17)

## SPECIAL REVENUE REPORT

Funds

219	Chapter 90 Funds	(\$62,959.99)	\$147,082.63	(\$251,967.15)	(\$167,844.51)
231	Wetlands Protection Fund	\$5,348.46	\$262.50	(\$135.00)	\$5,475.96
232	Dog Revolving Fund	\$2,000.00	\$4,247.50	(\$490.17)	\$5,757.33
233	Agriculture Revolving Fund	\$591.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$591.80
235	Recreation Revolving	\$13,330.12	\$16,850.90	(\$17,776.12)	\$12,404.90
236	Library Fees Revolving Fund	\$1,807.17	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$1,867.17
237	Firewood Revolving	\$4,327.52	\$250.00	(\$4,007.50)	\$570.02
238	Trench Permits Revolving	\$985.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$1,010.00
239	Recycling Revolving Fund	\$10,637.38	\$960.00	(\$5,418.00)	\$6,179.38
240	Recycling Dvidend Program	\$6,153.12	\$4,900.00	(\$1,084.80)	\$9,968.32
241	DPU Assessments from Network Cos	\$52.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52.80
251	Public Hearing Revolving	\$143.47	\$3,571.42	(\$3,471.68)	\$243.21
253	Sale of Cemetary Lots	\$17,130.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,130.00
258	Road Machinery Fund	\$9,446.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,446.68
260	Gen'l Elect State Reimb	\$553.17	\$827.00	(\$980.17)	\$400.00
261	Rec Don Maj Vote Rec Comm	\$460.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$460.00
262	Robert M Duda Gift Account	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	(\$7,500.00)	\$0.00
263	Community Compact Grant	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
265	Green Communities Grant	(\$41,077.50)	\$41,077.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
266	R. Ferrick Gift Acct	\$45.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45.76
268	WMRLS Grant	\$1,247.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,247.45
270	Police Donations	\$408.34	\$4,060.00	(\$923.00)	\$3,545.34
271	PD - Dare Donations	\$57.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$57.02
272	Cruiser Fees for Details	\$951.28	\$3,196.50	(\$223.90)	\$3,923.88
273	Law Enforcement Trust	\$857.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$857.79
274	Fire Dept Donations	\$1,435.67	\$0.00	(\$200.00)	\$1,235.67
275	Vets Tom Leahey Memorial	\$0.00	\$2,015.00	\$0.00	\$2,015.00
276	Cemetary Kandsz Donation	\$2,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,900.00
277	Shared Mower Program	\$3,410.00	\$55,900.00	(\$27,785.61)	\$31,524.39
278	Master Planning Grant	\$1,834.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,834.72

279	Strategic Planning Grant	\$439.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$439.47
281	Septic Repair Program	\$14,477.91	\$184.75	\$0.00	\$14,662.66
282	Library Lions Club Donations	\$109.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$109.13
283	Library General Donations	\$709.26	\$1,137.63	(\$349.64)	\$1,497.25
284	Summer Reading Program	\$81.11	\$0.00	(\$72.68)	\$8.43
285	Hoxie Memorial Garden Fund	\$2.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.17
286	Non-Resident Circulation	\$1,338.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,338.45
287	Div of Medical Assistance	\$21,662.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,662.75
288	IT Infrastructure Upgrade Grant	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)	\$0.00
289	Insurance Proceeds	\$12,458.23	\$47,607.46	(\$40,965.45)	\$19,100.24
291	PEG Access Fund	\$52,233.03	\$33,262.97	(\$26,000.00)	\$59,496.00
292	PEG Access Capital Fund	\$44,974.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,974.99
293	Fire Pager Rebate	\$1,725.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,725.00
294	ConCom Escrow	\$110.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$110.01
295	Cemetary Revolving	\$1,083.11	\$975.00	(\$988.08)	\$1,070.03
296	Operation Whately Delivery	\$899.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$899.48
299	FCHCC Medication Grant	\$2,367.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,367.79
380	CPA	\$236,907.58	\$170,395.88	(\$179,250.00)	\$228,053.46
401	Frontier Regional CFCE Grant	(\$325.00)	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
402	Bullet Proof Vest Grant-Police	\$1,478.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,478.00
407	Gov Highway Safety Grant	\$871.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$871.12
408	Emergency Mgmt Grant	(\$2,212.17)	\$2,212.17	\$0.00	\$0.00
409	Solarize Whately	\$671.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$671.25
412	Council on Aging Grant	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	(\$6,000.00)	\$0.00
413	MEMA Emergency Mill River Stab	\$166,085.46	\$0.00	(\$140,000.00)	\$26,085.46
414	Library State Aid	\$3,107.61	\$2,458.61	(\$982.50)	\$4,583.72
415	Cultural Council	\$3,632.01	\$4,505.31	(\$5,500.00)	\$2,637.32
418	Library Litigation Grant	\$325.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$325.86
420	Fire Dept Senior SAFE Grant	\$3,507.73	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$5,607.73
421	Fire Safe Trailer Grant	\$1,113.98	\$0.00	(\$871.04)	\$242.94
423	MRF Mini Grant	\$1,283.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,283.16
425	Fire School Base SAFE Grant	\$1,994.70	\$2,854.00	(\$2,065.81)	\$2,782.89



427	Fire Dept	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	(\$1,072.89)	\$427.11
	SeniorSAFEGrant FY17				
428	Williamsburg Road	(\$10,445.00)	\$10,445.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Bridge				
430	Town Center Veterans	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	(\$550.00)	\$2,450.00
	Memorial				
431	Mass Hist Grant for Old	(\$60,000.00)	\$69,700.00	(\$9,700.00)	\$0.00
	Town Hall				
432	MHD Complete Streets	(\$15,793.50)	\$23,401.78	(\$7,608.28)	\$0.00
	Program				
501	Circuit Breaker Grant	(\$4,204.00)	\$6,039.00	(\$1,835.00)	\$0.00
502	School Choice	\$134,483.25	\$313,184.00	(\$187,393.81)	\$260,273.44
503	REAP Grant	\$0.00	\$27,590.94	(\$26,770.94)	\$820.00
505	SPED Assist	\$3,746.26	\$24,312.52	(\$30,415.93)	(\$2,357.15)
507	Grant Funded Teacher	(\$1,200.00)	\$1,200.00	(\$60.00)	(\$60.00)
	Stipends				
551	After School Tuition	\$51,915.24	\$58,711.99	(\$62,237.52)	\$48,389.71
552	Early Childhood Tuition	\$60,497.24	\$94,112.99	(\$112,330.32)	\$42,279.91
553	School Lunch	\$36,315.41	\$55,249.57	(\$22,929.26)	\$68,635.72
554	Nature's Classroom	\$946.00	\$2,398.00	(\$3,181.00)	\$163.00
556	School Building Use	\$117.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$117.58
557	School Bus Grant	\$1,436.00	\$250.00	(\$1,686.00)	\$0.00
558	NEA Learning &	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
	Leadership Grant				
570	Student Council Fund	\$137.80	\$0.00	(\$88.69)	\$49.11
571	Peer Mediator Fund	\$40.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.75
573	6th Grade Fund	\$2,582.99	\$6,593.12	(\$7,701.58)	\$1,474.53
574	5th Grade Fund	\$21.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21.19
575	4th Grade Fund	\$1,288.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,288.16
610	Water Department	\$136,607.40	\$178,722.62	(\$157,115.75)	\$158,214.27
716	A#9 ATM Dump Truck	\$1,077.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,077.35
	#2				
717	ATM 4-25-17 A#22 Old	\$248,526.69	\$265,000.00	(\$508,282.41)	\$5,244.28
	Twtn Hall Borrowing				
718	Manganese Filter	\$0.00	\$21,162.00	(\$210,792.80)	(\$189,630.80)
	Project				
811	Bernard Church	\$39.61	\$25.98	\$0.00	\$65.59
	Expendable				
812	Davenport School	\$2,756.75	\$73.95	\$0.00	\$2,830.70
	Expendable				
813	Whately Grange	\$20.09	\$1.52	\$0.00	\$21.61
	Expendable				
814	Ambulance	\$146.87	\$3.65	\$0.00	\$150.52
	Replacement Expend				
815	Cemetary Trust	\$6,941.95	\$649.37	(\$932.58)	\$6,658.74
	Expendable				
816	Filipkowski Expendable	\$1,661.23	\$18.59	(\$623.16)	\$1,056.66

817	Dickinson Library Expendable	\$10,545.79	\$1,003.91	\$0.00	\$11,549.70
818	Annie Danforth Expendable	\$332.76	\$0.00	(\$47.63)	\$285.13
819	J & J Maiewski Expendable	\$2,024.62	\$33.84	\$0.00	\$2,058.46
820	Paul Field Expendable	\$70.86	\$56.82	\$0.00	\$127.68
821	Robinson Trust Expendable	(\$15.01)	\$40.03	\$0.00	\$25.02
822	SW Dickinson Aged Expend	\$3,849.49	\$221.11	\$0.00	\$4,070.60
823	Ena Cane Expendable	\$3,138.24	\$45.98	(\$658.25)	\$2,525.97
824	Damon Library Expendable	\$1,704.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,704.63
825	Kandsz LibraryExpendable	\$1,173.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,173.69
830	Stabilization Fund	\$221,724.73	\$143,152.73	\$0.00	\$364,877.46
831	Capital Stabilization Fund	\$184,001.46	\$2,060.64	\$0.00	\$186,062.10
832	Ambulance Stabilization	\$61,484.95	\$396.81	(\$61,000.00)	\$881.76
833	Vehicle Stabilization	\$10,087.07	\$126,334.59	(\$85,000.00)	\$51,421.66
840	OPEB Trust Fund	\$104,565.47	\$29,533.59	\$0.00	\$134,099.06
841	Housing Trust Fund	\$116,001.53	\$1,299.11	\$0.00	\$117,300.64
850	Barnard Church Non-Exp	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
851	Davenport School Non-Expend	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
852	Whately Grange Non-Expend	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
853	Cemetary Trust Non-Expendable	\$49,675.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,675.05
854	Damon Library Non-Expendable	\$10,190.79	\$133.23	\$0.00	\$10,324.02
855	Kandsz Library Non-Expendable	\$16.16	\$13.34	\$0.00	\$29.50
856	Dickinson Library Non-Expendab	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00
857	A. Danforth Library Non-Expend	\$411.96	\$8.34	\$0.00	\$420.30
858	J & J Maiewski Non-Expendable	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
859	Paul Field Non-Expendable	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
860	Robinson Trust Non-Expendable	\$3,080.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,080.00
861	S.W. Dickinson Aged Non-Expend	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00

862	S & S Filipkowski Non-Expend	\$5,362.60	\$60.07	\$0.00	\$5,422.67
891	Off Duty Police Detail	\$285.60	\$48,506.25	(\$48,506.25)	\$285.60
892	Firearm ID Cards	\$2,187.50	\$3,187.50	(\$3,937.50)	\$1,437.50
893	Solar Decommissing Escow	\$0.00	\$22,437.50	(\$500.00)	\$21,937.50
894	Fire Dept Fees	\$295.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$295.00
895	State Wildlife Permits	\$3.50	\$27.50	\$0.00	\$31.00
896	Ambulance Intercept	\$6,051.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,051.14
898	Deputy Collector Fees	<u>(\$911.00)</u>	<u>\$3,634.64</u>	<u>(\$3,041.00)</u>	<u>(\$317.36)</u>
Total Funds		<u>\$2,043,067.30</u>	<u>\$2,111,338.85</u>	<u>(\$2,281,506.85)</u>	<u>\$1,872,899.30</u>



# WHATELY TOWN HALL

## Neal Abraham, Steward

In 2019, the first full year of operation of the newly renovated Town Hall, there were 239 separate scheduled activities ranging in length from one hour to all day. November 2019 was the month of greatest use – 28 activities for a total of 130 hours serving 14 different organizations.

Included among the uses were the following:

- Town Meeting, the Friends of the Library Winter Craft Fair, and a meeting of Massachusetts regional town administrators;
- A regional conference for 80 people on small water and sewer systems in Franklin County hosted by State Senator Jo Comerford & State Representative Natalie Blais;
- Regular and special meetings of 10 different town commissions and committees;
- Rehearsals of two different dance groups and several musical groups;
- Several memorial services and several private meetings of Whately groups;
- Friends of the Library concerts and presentations, including a planetarium show;
- Watermelon Wednesday concerts and events (not always on Wednesdays);
- Presentations sponsored by the Whately Historical Society; and
- Regular meetings of other organizations in Whately, including the Grange, the Historical Society, Valley Neighbors, and the Water District.

Any Whately resident may contact Amy Schrader in the Town Offices to complete an application for a reservation for an event or for an organization to use the auditorium (capacity 200) or the meeting room (capacity 30). Each room has a visual display system and the auditorium has excellent acoustics and microphones with an audio amplification system. Town Hall usage policies are posted on the Town website. Please note that for winter energy (and cost) savings, we have set the thermostats to allow the temperature to fall when the building is not in use. If you're having an event in the winter, please arrive a little early to turn up the thermostat(s), then please turn the thermostat(s) back down as you leave. A similar strategy is used in the summer to limit operation of the air conditioners (and allow the temperature to rise) when the various rooms and corridors are not occupied.

Two historic preservation projects in Town Hall were completed with CPA funding and a few historic artifacts are now on display in the first-floor hallway, including an original schoolhouse long bench and an historic hat rack with a mirror. In September 2019 a curator guided the restoration and remounting of the circa 1940 advertising curtain at the back of the stage in the auditorium (stop by to see the names of some of the businesses of that era -- a few are still around -- and their pre-World War II phone numbers). A different curator restored the hand-painted decorations and landscapes on the 1891 town safe at the main entrance.

The Town hired a housekeeper for Town Hall and Town Offices in December so the public areas and bathrooms in Town Hall are now cleaned regularly. Thanks to members of the Historical Society for their cleaning efforts earlier in the year.

Special thanks to all who contributed items and/or time to improving Town Hall this year including Virginia Allis; Adelia Bardwell; Keith Bardwell; Mark Bussiere; Ruth Fairman; Paul Fleuriel; John Hannum; Nicholas Jones; Mike Mahar; Judy Markland; Paul Newlin; Betty Orloski; Jim, Katie, JD, and Alex Ross; Alan Sanderson; Darcy Tozier; Alan Walker; Donna Wiley, Ann Wroblewski, and Regina Wroblewski. Thanks to others I may have forgotten.



## ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Control Officer received 116 calls for service this year. Majority of the calls were split between lost/stray dogs and animal abuse. PLEASE follow the state leash law and keep your dog under control at all times, it is also helpful to have your dog tag on your dog so if he/she gets away I can return him to you. If you see any animal in distress or something you feel may be abuse, please call me so I can investigate.

Animal Abuse	19	Sick Skunk	2
Vicious Dog	6	Dead Deer	2
Loose Horse	5		
Loose or Stray Dog	32	Raccoon attack Dog	1
Dogs Taken to Pound	4	Assist Police	1
Dog Bites	6	<u>Inspect Imported Animal</u>	<u>1</u>
Stray Cat	2	Total	116
Sick Raccoon	2		
Raccoon attack Chickens	3		
Remove Dead Animal	2		
Lost Dog	4		
Dog Returned to Owner	11		
Bear Damage	2		
Bat	2		

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Adamcek, Animal Control Officer

## ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The Animal Inspector issued 9 quarantines in 2019, and also did one inspection of an imported animal. Quarantines were for 5 dog bites and 4 issued for possible rabies exposure/wound of unknown origin. The barn inspections were done and the results are:

Dairy Cattle	77	Beef Cattle	166
Oxen	16	Goats	48
Swine	4	Llamas/Alpacas	3
Equines	39	Chickens	352
Turkeys	11	Water Fowl	42

If I missed you with the barn inspection, please contact me at 413-665-8027. The State relies on this information in developing and implementing a response to an emergency.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Adamcek

Animal Inspector

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

2019 was a very quiet year on the Emergency Management front which is definitely a good thing.

During 2019, I again reviewed our Emergency plans for the South Deerfield Water District and the Francis P. Ryan reservoirs and updated Whately's information in those plans. I also completed a review of our Community Emergency Management Plan. This plan has gotten a technological facelift in 2019.

My 2019 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant will be used towards message sign boards for use by the Highway Department, Police Department, Selectboard and Emergency Management. These sign boards can be placed in strategically located areas to warn travelers of emergencies such as road closures, construction work and important messages to town residents. They can also be used to notify residents of non-emergency messages like Town Meetings and Elections.

**I would like to remind people to register their phone numbers and email addresses with Connect CTY, the town's emergency notification system. As many people have eliminated their landlines in favor of cell phones, it is important to add those cell phone numbers to the system. The newly upgraded system allows residents to sign on and register or make changes to their own accounts through our website but if you would rather have the town make those changes, just let me know at 413-665-4400 Option 3. I receive many nice comments about Connect CTY. The town tries not to send out too many messages or alarm folks unnecessarily. It is a great mechanism to get the word out to people regarding non-emergency messages as well as emergency notices.**

In closing, I would like to thank the emergency personnel here in Whately. The Fire Department, South County Ambulance, Police, Highway, Board of Health, Select Board, Town Administrator and emergency volunteers are all experienced staff members that know what needs to be done during an emergency. It is comforting to know that emergencies will be handled efficiently even when key members of the team are not present.

I would also like to thank our residents for heeding our notices prior and during emergencies. The better prepared we all are, the easier it is to recover from an actual emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Sibley  
Emergency Management Director  
Emergency Management Director

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The officers and members of the Whately Fire Department continue to proudly serve and represent the citizens of our great community. In 2019 the Whately Fire Dept. responded to seventy-five (75) emergency calls. The calls included emergency medical services, motor vehicle accidents, rescues, and fire emergencies. Whately continues to be part of the Tri State Fire Mutual Aid which is a valuable system that benefits everyone, there is an endless list of resources available in every emergency situation, and Whately has benefited from this system more than once this year. Dedication, training, planning and knowledge prevail to help with life safety issues and to mitigate potential hazards

I would like to thank the officers and members for a job well done. I would also like to wish all our members a safe and healthy career. All members are listed below, the \* indicating certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

DC Keith Bardwell	DC Gary Stone	Capt. Wayne Hutkoski
Capt. J P Kennedy*	Lt. Joshua Clemons *	Lt. Jason Clemons
Jeffrey LaValley	Peter Hannum	John LaSalle
Patrick Mathey	Mason Jenkins *	Alex Ross
Scott Hutkoski	Bill Smith	Zach Smith
Dylan Uzdavinis	Chris Sullivan	Brian Belder
Zach Mcneal	Lt Christopher Sibley	Dalton DeForest

The Whately Fire Department is always searching for interested citizens that would like to become involved with any aspect of the Department. The small numbers are critical. If anyone would like to join or has any questions about the Department please contact either me ([JSHannum@comcast.net](mailto:JSHannum@comcast.net)) or one of the officers.

The Fire Station has received a facelift. I would like to thank the taxpayers and the members of the department who assisted with this project. I think it looks great. The other project is in year one of a three year project to improve and upgrade the large diameter hose. One engine is completed and two more are scheduled. This project will flow twice the volume of water to a fire when in need.





The Whately Fire Department responded to one of the worst calls possible September 29. Rest in peace Lt Christopher Sibley you will be missed, we have it from here.

Whately Fire Department is committed to the health and safety of our residents. Safety is gained through education, prevention, detection and inspections. Capt. Kennedy is the department Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) coordinator. One of his responsibilities is to educate our children in the school to recognize the dangers of fire and how to be safe. The facts are the average number of fire deaths of children under the age of 18 has fallen by 72% since the start of the SAFE Program in 1995. There is also a Seniors Grant that includes house number signs and smoke detector installation for qualified residents.

Franklin County is keeping the same process of issuing Burning Permits and Whately is part of this system. The system is electronically operated and managed on the internet. The site ([www.fcburnpermits.com](http://www.fcburnpermits.com)) is user friendly. This year's Burning Season opens January 15 and closes May 1. Hazardous weather conditions may shorten the season so don't procrastinate, open burning should be completed early in the season.

The Fire Department has instituted a fine system for illegal burning that has been approved by the Select Board. Hopefully this new system will help deter burning without a permit when conditions are not favorable. The ultimate goal of this fining program is to protect the citizens and property in Whately. Outside fires should always be permitted, safe and monitored. The potential for an out of control fire is always present.

I would like to remind everyone to report a Fire or Emergency to dial 911, please be clear and concise with your message. Also, answer all the questions that the Dispatcher asks and stay on the line as long as necessary. For other Fire Department, related communications, the Dispatch Center business number is 625-8200.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief John S. Hannum

Whately Fire Dept.

## SOUTH COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

South County EMS (SoCEMS) continues to be a trusted leader in public safety and emergency medicine with a unique composition unlike any other EMS agency in the Commonwealth. In 2019 our department expanded services, increased capability, and advanced public health and safety for our member towns of Deerfield, Sunderland, and Whately.

### **Local EMS Responses and Community Outreach**

Our agency provides one transporting Paramedic ambulance 24/7 through a combination of full and per diem staff, with additional per diem staff during the day to meet additional demands. In 2019 this totaled 978 emergency patient responses in our primary coverage area and an additional 60 responses to neighboring communities. Of these patients, 78% required and received Advanced Life Support (ALS) interventions from our team of providers. On top of these requests, SoCEMS also responded to all nature of emergencies including Fire, Search and Rescue, HAZMAT, and Law Enforcement issues, where we provided both medical support and subject matter expertise.

Additionally, we pride ourselves in providing services to our communities that are not just related to emergency medicine. In the past year South County EMS has participated in community outreach and education initiatives in all three member towns. Department personnel have presented to all age groups at every Union 38 school in our coverage to promote health and safety and educate on the EMS career paths. South County EMS has educated community members free of charge, including employees of local business and public agencies in “Stop-the-Bleed” training as well as CPR and AED usage to increase survivability in our community during life threatening emergencies. Our department is also very active in Public Health initiatives including pandemic response, Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) planning, and general health and wellness. Looking forward to 2020, South County EMS has many new community initiatives in the works to add to our ongoing programs.

### **Mutual-Aid and Regional Responses**

On the regional level, Franklin County continues to hunt for solutions to the increasing demands for EMS. This past year saw significant changes in the services available to our neighbors, including a switch in the private EMS provider in our county, and increased Paramedic and EMT-Basic level services from other municipalities. These significant changes in county-wide EMS availability as resulted in a drop in the number of times South County EMS was requested to respond mutual-aid to other communities. These increases in services will not eliminate mutual-aid requests the region, but they have gone a long way to help support the wider EMS needs and limit demand on adjacent communities.

South County EMS continues to work with the Opioid Task Force (OTF) to limit the harmful effects of drug overdoses in our region. Multi-overdose events in our coverage area have only gone to reinforce the public health emergency our region is coping with. As a partner in public health and with



experience forming trusted connections with the public, we are looking forward to working with the OTF and providing Community EMS based models to better protect our community.

Following the examples of the regional Technical Rescue and Incident Management team models, our department has joined with a group of area agencies to provide advanced combined resources to the region. Thanks to the vision and hard work of the following partners in public safety, the already existing regional Special Response Team (SRT) now combines the expertise of the Greenfield Fire and Police Departments, Franklin County Sheriff, Montague Police, Turners Falls Fire District, and South County EMS. This level of multidisciplinary integration at a single asset level represents the culmination of many years of work, and is at the cutting edge of public safety nationwide. This team, able to provide multi-disciplinary expertise and capabilities, without burdening one agency, will be an incredible asset for the region during incidents that go beyond the capabilities of a single community. South County EMS is excited to promote better resource and expertise sharing, and to be part of what will undoubtedly prove to be an invaluable asset to our region.

### **Increased Capabilities and Advanced Equipment**

Along with our new regional cooperation, South County's cadre of instructors and experienced providers have been conducting and participating in efforts to increase knowledge and expertise of all emergency responders in the region. Notably, efforts to train and equip many of the smaller agencies for Rescue Task Force (RTF) response, which incorporates EMS, Fire, and Police for responses to large scale acts of violence, makes our communities better equipped to handle such events. We believe that these types of trainings are invaluable, and it is our duty to promote inter-agency cooperation before an incident occurs.

This past year our department deployed next generation electronic Patient Care Reporting (ePCR) software. This software is easier to use, has a more robust back-end reporting and data interpretation capability, and increases security for confidential medical records. Additionally, this upgrade means that South County EMS is fully compliant with national public health data collection goals. This change also allowed us to replace our aging computer equipment with significantly more secure and cost-effective solutions.

South County EMS has also implemented a state-of-the-art communication system to better interface with hospitals. The inefficient, outdated, and non-private radio communication previously used has been replaced with a secure IP based system. Identified as a proactive and high performing service by Baystate Health, South County EMS was chosen to be one of the first services to implement the program. This new system provides private two-way communication capabilities, integrated messaging, and GPS tracking, which all work to improve medical care in the field, patient confidentiality, and more timely treatment at the hospital.

These new systems, in addition to many other improvements and updates South County EMS implemented in the last year, including advanced Pediatric treatment tools and electronic equipment checks and documentation, are all ways our department can increase efficiency and save cost, while also improving the services we provide.

### **Thank You**



As always, we wish to thank the members of our community for your support over the years. Our team of providers were chosen because of their compassion and dedication, and we would not be able to serve were it not for the championing many of you do on our behalf.

In the past year we have received many donations both large and small. Sometimes they are out of the blue, and sometimes they are made in the name of someone we were fortunate enough to meet. While very rewarding, our line of work can also be very burdensome, and we always make sure to use your donations to bring comfort and respite to the crews while they are on duty between calls. That said, it's not just the tangible gifts that make a large impact for us. Our service is what it is, and we are able to build a strong and wonderful team, because you support our service with your words and your vote.

Finally, I must thank our talented and compassionate team of providers. Every day they give back to their community by studying and researching so that they can provide better care, by advocating for EMS and patients on the regional, state, and federal level, and by taking time on a call to provide companionship and prepare a meal for a community member. It is without a doubt that the people who wear the South County EMS patch are amongst the finest around.

*Thank you.*

## Statistics

Here is the breakdown of the 2019 calendar year stats:

EMS Patient Responses by Type	EMS Patient Responses by Town
Total: 1,037	Deerfield: 538
ALS Transports: 557	Sunderland: 238
BLS Transports: 160	Whately: 202
Paramedic Intercepts: 14	Mutual Aid: 60
Refusals: 242	
Other: 64	

We look forward to continuing to provide high-quality and state-of-the-art emergency medical care to our community and supporting public health and education initiatives in 2020.

More information about our department can be found on our website: [www.SoCEMS.org](http://www.SoCEMS.org)

Respectfully,

Chief Zachary Smith, Paramedic  
EMS Director  
South County Emergency Medical Services

## FOOTHILLS HEALTH AGENT

During 2019, the department witnessed 5 perc tests and 11 Title 5 inspections. Septic system permits were issued for 8 new systems or system components. 10 inspections or reinspections of food establishments were completed. A total of \$5545 was collected in fees.

The following is a general breakdown of the many responsibilities handled on a regular basis by your Board of Health and the Health Agent:

- Witnessing percolation tests for all new and replacement septic systems
- Permit review and on-site inspections for all septic repairs and installations
- Housing code inspections and enforcement
- Infectious disease investigation and reporting
- Tobacco regulation enforcement
- On-site inspections for all beaver conflict permits
- Handling the numerous public health-related questions and complaints
- Camp inspections
- Bathing Beach test review
- Food establishment permitting and inspections

I may be reached at 413-268-8404. In-person help must be scheduled in advance. Written messages or mail should be directed to me at P.O. Box 447 Haydenville, MA 01039, or via email at [Foothills@Burgy.org](mailto:Foothills@Burgy.org). I look forward to another productive year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Bushee

Health Agent

Foothills Health District

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

North Street and Chestnut Plain Road from Haydenville Road to the Hatfield Town Line was chip sealed with conventional methods. Sections of River Road, Christian Lane and Long Plain Road were chip sealed with a 20% rubber blend. This process is designed for higher traffic counts. While chip seal treatments are not the preferred maintenance methods, they do keep our roads in good condition and virtually keep potholes from developing. Being able to drive our roads without dodging potholes is a gratifying experience.

Williamsburg Road Bridge still remains closed however the project will be going out to bid in early 2020. So long as there are not anymore hold ups it will be constructed in 2020. The complete streets grant to replace the sidewalk in the center continues on schedule and will be completed in 2020 along with the repaving of that section of Chestnut Plain Road. Additional parking will also be created which will make our buildings and center more accessible year-round. The gravel portion of Poplar Hill Road is scheduled to be paved. Since Smith College built their environmental classroom and are using the property much more they have agreed to contribute towards the cost of paving. The highway garage was repainted. The next step is for the town to build a new garage. At the time it was built in 1960 it met our needs. Today it doesn't and will need to be addressed in the near future.

The highway department also took on overseeing and building a new softball field at Herlihy. Since the previous field was sold as part of the sale of the school administration building it left us without a softball field in town. We will also be directly involved in the merger of the water district and the water department in the center of town. We along with the Water Department will do as much work in house to keep cost down.

With changes at the state level we now have OSHA guidelines that previously were more geared towards the private sector. One of the biggest changes is the operation of excavating and doing trench work. The backhoe that we have is not capable of setting the new trench box we now have so we are in need of a larger machine. A rubber-tired excavator will fill this need and is being proposed.

I'm hopeful that in preparation of the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration we can repaint the concrete post throughout the town. I'm hoping to be able to utilize some part time summer help to accomplish this.

As always if you have any questions or comments, I can be reached at 665-2983.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith Bardwell

Highway Superintendent



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

This past year, sadly, we announced the passing, and said our final goodbye to one of the longest serving members of our Police Department. Chief Harold R. Swift Jr. served the Whately community for over 30 years. After years of dedicated service, he retired from the police department in 2003 after serving not only the Police Department, but also numerous other committees within our community. Harold was well known, and will be sadly missed. Our thoughts will always with the Swift family.

I would like to start off by recognizing and commending the members of the Whately Police Department for their commitment and dedication to the Whately Community. The professionalism they show in the performance of their duties is remarkable. The following is the current list of Whately police officers; Full-Time Sergeant Donald Bates, Part-Time Officers James Purcell, Marc Bryden, Joshua Thomas, Raymond Vandoloski, Kristjan Viise, Adam Zaniewski, Elizabeth Unaitis, and Brandon Iavecchia (hired in 2019), and Reserve Officers Randall Williams, Edwin Zaniewski.

Whately Police Officers served the community with professionalism and integrity throughout the year. Along with keeping our community safe, officers also attended numerous community events throughout the year. The annual Senior Center / TRIAD picnic as well as the Spaghetti Supper were again very successful. Our partnership with these groups is instrumental in serving our senior community. This winter we assisted with the “Sand for Seniors” program by delivering buckets of sand and salt to seniors homes to help them keep their walkways clear for the winter. We again partnered with WES 4<sup>th</sup> grade class in the second annual “Stuff a Cruiser” event where we collected another 425 pounds of food for the Western Mass Food Bank during the holiday season. We also continued with our district wide school safety meetings and events. These allow us to regularly review and practice our school safety emergency response plans in order to keep children safe. These efforts will continue into 2020 along with other programs designed to assist Whately businesses with developing safety plans as well. Finally I would like to thank everyone who helped and supported our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “Santa Parade”. This brought the police, fire, and EMS agencies in Whately together to tour our town while towing a trailer containing Santa and his sleigh to spread holiday cheer. This is a fun and exciting event that has been well received by the community. Stay tuned for some new events in 2020.

To stay current with activities and calls for service, please visit our website, Facebook, and Instagram pages. As always, please stop by anytime to visit or chat with our officers.

James A. Sevigne Jr.

Chief of Police

[www.whately.org/police-department](http://www.whately.org/police-department)

[www.facebook.com/whatelypolice](https://www.facebook.com/whatelypolice)

[www.instagram.com/whatelypolice](https://www.instagram.com/whatelypolice)



This list only includes the more major activities that officers responded to in Whately. Officers remain proactive and perform many other activities. The total log of activities is closer to 6000 calls for service for 2019. Some of the other calls for service include; 911 calls, house / building / location checks, civil matters, general citizen assists, mutual aid to other neighboring towns, general complaints, investigations, traffic enforcement, community policing activities, paperwork service, court hearings, administrative duties, and other miscellaneous responses. For a more detailed list of activities, please visit the Whately Police Department's website where we post our police logs on a monthly basis.

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Abuse Prevention Orders	9	13	13
Accident – Motor Vehicle	61	72	83
Animal Complaints	34	41	43
Arrests	29	32	35
Assist Ambulance	78	92	99
Assist Fire Department	38	31	26
Breaking & Entering	11	5	5
Disturbance	12	13	18
Intrusion / Alarm	72	97	71
Identity Theft	5	12	6
Larceny	13	13	16
Property damage/vandalism	7	7	9
Suspicious Activity	-	60	69
Unattended Death	2	2	5
Unwanted Person	4	6	9

## TREE DEPARTMENT

We continue to attempt to stay a head of the trees that need removal. The wood that is removed is cut and split to use to heat the highway garage and sell to the residents. The proceeds go towards purchasing new trees and pruning them as they grow. Whenever possible I work with Eversource to have them remove and trim trees that pose problems to their power lines. With the sidewalks being replaced in the center of town, it is very likely that they will be maintained in the winter. Neighboring towns that are presently maintaining their sidewalks only do snow removal. No salt or sand is applied and that is my recommendation of maintenance for us. The large maples are under enough stress we do not want to add any more chlorides to the area. When we look at locations for planting new trees it is not recommended to plant the same species in the same location if the previous tree was killed by disease or fungus. Other considerations are the location of overhead power lines. Keeping this in mind if you have a location along your frontage that you would like a tree planted let me know. I can be contacted at 665-2983 if you have any questions or comments regarding trees. If you are also interested in purchasing firewood the price is \$250 per truckload which is about 1.75 cords.

## SMITH CHARITIES' FISCAL YEAR DISTRIBUTIONS

During Smith Charities' fiscal year, February 1, 2019 – January 31, 2020, there were no applicants from Whately that were paid as beneficiaries under the Oliver Smith Will.

Adelia A. Bardwell, Elector  
Under the Oliver Smith Will

### **\$15,137 TOTAL BENEFICIARY GIFTS PAID**

During the past fiscal year, February 1, 2019 - January 31, 2020, the following beneficiary activity has occurred within the nine (9) designated communities:

#### Tradespersons

- Two (2) new tradespersons were enrolled.
- No loans of \$600 each were made to apprentices.
- No tradespersons notes have been surrendered.

#### Nurses

- There was one (1) new student nurse enrolled under the Nurses' Program.

#### Widows

- There were three (3) new widows that received the widow's gift.
- Nineteen (19) widows have been paid a total of \$6,900.

#### Brides

- Three (3) brides have received the marriage gift of \$100 each.

The total sum disbursed as gifts to beneficiaries was \$15,137, which includes \$6,737 that will be paid to the City of Northampton after our May 6, 2020 Annual Meeting for the account of Smith's Agricultural School, being the net income from the permanent fund established for the school.

Since the provision of the Will went into effect, the beneficiaries have been paid the following:

\$2,925,900	Tradesperson's Gifts (originally designated in the Will as <i>Indigent Boys</i> )
\$ 814,133	Nurse's Gifts (originally designated in the Will as <i>Indigent Female Children</i> )
\$1,821,712	Widow's Gifts
\$1,497,400	Bride's Gifts (originally designated in the Will as <i>Indigent Young Women</i> )
\$1,553,938	Smith's Agricultural School Yearly Distributions
\$ 35,374	Annuities
<u>\$ 613,717</u>	Taxes
\$9,262,174	Total Payments to Date

Mortgage payments have been made promptly and outstanding loans are up to date.

#### Trustees

David A. Murphy  
Adelia Bardwell  
Sheila Konieczny

Northampton, MA, February 6, 2020

## WHATELY WATER DEPARTMENT



2019 water consumption was slightly lower than the previous year, down .95%. The table below reflects the monthly consumption figures (in gallons):

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
January	1,760,250	1,577,450
February	1,681,850	1,397,970
March	1,920,230	1,572,810
April	2,024,650	1,795,770
May	3,246,030	2,697,420
June	3,933,540	3,248,260
July	4,466,240	5,272,110
August	3,594,760	4,162,370
September	3,285,990	3,819,576



October	2,473,890	2,734,134
November	1,683,570	1,884,786
December	<u>1,731,750</u>	<u>1,732,341</u>
	31,802,750	30,162,656

The manganese filters went online in late October 2019. Tests are showing excellent results. You may see some white decolorization in your water at times. This is nothing to be alarmed about and is just excess air, the result of us fine tuning the filter system to remove the highest quantity of manganese and iron from our drinking water.

This past year Town Meeting voted to install a lift (pumping) station across from the Center School to provide drinking water to the center of town. We anticipate starting this project in the spring and hope to have it up and running by the Fall of 2020.

The Commissioners would like to thank the citizens for their continued support in our upgrade efforts.

Meetings of the Water Commission are on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. at the town offices on Sandy Lane. We can be reached at 665-3080.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgeanne Dufault, Chairman

George Bucala

Paul Fleuriel

## AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Whately Agricultural Commission's activities in 2019 primarily focused on our continued support of Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) projects in town. We continue to work with the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources which provides the majority of project funding. We also submit recommendations to the Whately Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for supplemental funding through the town's Community Preservation Act (CPA). We are thankful for the successful efforts of these groups in preserving Whately farmland.

Thanks to all Residents and Town Officials for their commitment to preserve and protect farmland in Whately.

If you are considering the State's Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) program as a means to preserve your farmland, but don't know where to start, please bring your questions to our committee. We can answer most questions and assist with the application documents.

- We continue to encourage and support the sustainability of agriculture in Whately.
- We encourage all farms to consider value-added products to improve their sustainability and profitability.
- We continue to support and encourage Ag. Recycling through the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District.

The following Disclosure Notification (Section 4 of the Whately Right-To-Farm By-Law) is required to be published by the Town of Whately on an annual basis in the town report

### DISCLOSURE NOTIFICATION

"It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform landowners and occupants of the Town of Whately that the property they own or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Landowners and occupants are also informed that the location of their property may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations by existing right of ways or rental agreements already in place for such property under certain circumstances."

#### Members of the Agricultural Commission:

Doug Coldwell (Chair)  
David Chamutka  
Tim Nourse  
William Obear

John Devine (Secretary)  
Margaret Christie  
Jim Golonka

## CEMETERY COMMISSION

2019 was a quiet year for the Whately cemeteries. Few burials and a fairly uneventful mowing season.

We have yet to purchase a new mower as our older mower is still hanging in there, but it is in our near future. We are still researching mowers but have not yet settled on the right one.

CPA funding has allowed us to repair more stones in West Whately Cemetery. We had hoped to complete West Whately but in the time since our original Master Plan was created six years ago, stones in disrepair have since fallen and created more damage to other stones. Kai Nalenz of Gravestone Services of New England continues to carefully repair the stones.

We have had a great first year with Neal Abraham as our newest cemetery commissioner. He has put in some time in East Cemetery trimming back overgrowth to uncover an engulfed row of stones. We are aware of the broken fencing in East Cemetery and Neal has acquired some pricing for the repairs. Winter has stalled that project. We will pick it up in the spring.

Some future projects are: to complete the stone repair, paint the Center Cemetery fence, coordinate a cemetery tour for the 250th, regrade the roads in West Cemetery and tackle some overgrowth issues in West Cemetery.

There were two burials in Center Cemetery and one plot sale in West Whately Cemetery

Respectfully Submitted,

Whately Cemetery Commission

Darcy Tozier

Elizabeth Conlisk

Neal Abraham

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is charged with implementing the state's Wetlands Protection Act using regulations written by the MA Department of Environmental Protection. Over the course of the past year, the Commission received six Requests for a Determination of Applicability (determinations as to whether or not a wetland permit is required) and issued six Determinations. It reviewed three Notices of Intent (permit applications) and issued three Orders of Conditions (wetland permits). Three Certificates of Compliance were issued for completed projects and one Emergency Certificate was issued to facilitate work needed to address an urgent threat to public health. The Commission reviewed two Forest Cutting Plans and took action in two instances to address work being done without necessary permits. The Commission participated in three informal consultations and responded to numerous questions from residents about the wetland regulations and the permitting process.

In addition to administering the Wetlands Protection Act, in 2019 the Commission partnered with the Kestrel Land Trust to protect a 120-acre parcel of land in the center of town to create the Whately Woods Conservation Area. When completed, Kestrel will own the land and the Conservation Commission will hold a conservation restriction on the property. Andrew Ostrowski represents the Conservation Commission on the town's Community Preservation Committee.

Scott Jackson, Chair

Andrew Ostrowski

George Owens

Montserrat Archbald

Ann Barker



## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

As part of an ongoing effort to improve the Whately entries in the Massachusetts Historical Commission's historical records system (MACRIS), the Historical Commission identified Whately buildings that have been destroyed, moved, or damaged since they were listed in MACRIS in the 1990s and submitted corrections to the MHC. In addition, Judy Markland drafted a complete MACRIS entry for the Dickinson Library and revised existing entries for the Milk Bottle, the Oliver Morton Farm, and the Post Office. We also initiated a new program to send new Town residents whose properties are listed by MHC copies of the MACRIS entries for their homes.

We were asked by FRCOG and Mass Preservation to give a talk about the renovation and reuse of Town Hall, which was presented by Alan McArdle and Donna Wiley in Greenfield in March and by Donna at the state-wide Mass Preservation meeting in Plymouth in September.

In anticipation of the work to be conducted by the *ad hoc* Center School Visioning Committee, the Historical Commission voted unanimously in October to designate the Center School as "historically significant," in accordance with the revised zoning bylaws approved at Town Meeting in April.

Our proposal for CPA funding for restoration of the Town's 1891 historic safe was approved at Town Meeting, and the work completed in November. We are developing a written history of the safe that will be installed in Town Hall for the use of visitors. We also supported the Historical Society's application for funding for restoration of the 1938 Town Hall backdrop curtain, which was completed in September.

We are drafting a revised version of the Town's scenic roads bylaw, in consultation with Keith Bardwell, that would continue to protect Town-owned trees and stone walls along scenic roads, yet enable the Town to conduct routine maintenance without the expense and delays of multiple public hearings.

The Commission researched and presented to the Selectboard a report on the historical use of the Town Common (the Town right-of-way in Town Center), as part of a discussion about the respective responsibilities of the Town and individual property owners for care and maintenance of Town frontage. The Commission also provided opinions about the potential impact on historical and archaeological resources of multiple proposed large-scale solar panel installations, marijuana cultivation and retail sites and highway revisions in Whately. And we supported the (successful) application of the Historical Society to erect a storage space on Town Hall property that would meet the conditions of the preservation restriction administered by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

We are planning to develop a map of a select group of historical sites in Whately in printed and digital form, complete with links to relevant photographs and texts. This will be the Historical Commission's contribution to the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration in 2021, but will be designed as a permanent resource that can be expanded in the future.

Donna Wiley (Chair)

Susan Baron

Judy Markland

Alan McArdle

Darcy Tozier

## WHATELY PLANNING BOARD

Members -

Donald Sluter – Chair

Sara Cooper

Nicholas Jones

Tom Litwin

Judy Markland

The Planning Board had 10 meetings this year, dealing with site plan reviews on marijuana facilities, zoning changes to allow re-use of historical buildings and short term rentals, special permits for side lot access and a common driveway, a number of meetings to make changes to the large solar facility bylaws and two ANR applications.

Over the course of the year, the Board received two Approval Not Required applications for review and approval. There were requests for three site plan reviews, two for retail sales of marijuana on Route 5, and one for a marijuana grow facility on Christian Lane.

Several meetings were held to recommend changes to the Zoning Bylaws to allow facilitate reuse of significant historical buildings that have been in public use for more than 50 years, such as the East Whately and Whately Center Schools, and to regulate rentals of residential properties for less than 90 days.

The Board reviewed and recommended a street acceptance at the end of the public portion of Poplar Hill Road.

The Board also held a joint Public Hearing with the Tree Warden to allow tree removal along a scenic road, at the intersection of Haydenville Road and Chestnut Plain Road and approved a change to the Scenic Road Bylaw proposed by the Historical Commission that establishes criteria for the public hearings required under the bylaw.

The Board held a discussion meeting with the FRCOG head planner, other town boards and committees, and members of the general public to discuss issues with the current large-scale solar facility bylaw and the need for any revisions, recognizing the need to balance the desire for additional renewable energy with that of preserving farm and forest production.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Sluter", is written over a faint, circular official stamp.

Donald Sluter - Chair

## CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Whately Cultural Council held an open meeting on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Whately Town Offices to consider grant applications for awards to be spent in 2020, and to accept public comment on its priorities and grant procedures. No other members of the community attended.

The Council members agreed to continue our established funding priorities with a preference to grant applications from local institutions, organizations and community events, with priority given to programs that benefit children or seniors. Additionally, the Whately Cultural Council gives priority to performers that have sponsorship from a local institution, organization or community event. Such sponsorship must be evidenced by a letter from an authorized representative of the relevant institution, organization or community event.

By the closing deadline for applications October 15, 2019, the Council received 25 applications seeking awards totaling \$10,752. The Council had \$5,150 to allocate, made up of the annual allocation from the Massachusetts Cultural Council of \$ 4,800 and \$350 in unspent funds from previous year awards. The Cultural Council did not do any fundraising to generate additional resources to award in support of cultural activities.

The Cultural Council made 17 awards to the following applicants or benefitting organizations (some of which received more than one award): Tanglewood Marionettes, Friends of the Whately Library, Rona Leventhal, Sarah Clay, Ed the Wizard, John Root, David Neill, Roger Tincknell, Tim von Egmond, Whately Historical Society, and Racial Justice Rising. Seven requests were not funded due to the limited funds available and because the applications did not sufficiently meet the local criteria for awards from the Whately Cultural Council.

Members and officers of the Council for 2020 are as follows:

Adelia Bardwell  
Richard Korpiewski  
Jenny Morrison  
Joyce Palmer-Fortune  
George Reynolds  
Nancy Talanian  
Riina Viise  
Julie Waggoner

The officers for 2020 are:

Nancy Talanian, Chair  
Joyce Palmer Fortune, Treasurer  
Julie Waggoner, Secretary

For questions or information, please contact the Whately Cultural Council, 4 Sandy Lane, Whately or visit the Massachusetts Cultural Council website for the Whately Cultural Council at <https://www.mass-culture.org/> . The deadline for applications for grants to be spent in 2021 will likely be October 15, 2020; details will be posted on the Massachusetts Cultural Council website where those interested can also find application instructions.

Nancy Talanian, Chair  
[culturalcouncil@whately.org](mailto:culturalcouncil@whately.org)



## **SOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER**

**67 North Main Street, South Deerfield, MA 01373**

**413-665-2141, 413-665-9508, [scsc@town.deerfield.ma.us](mailto:scsc@town.deerfield.ma.us), [www.deerfieldma.us](http://www.deerfieldma.us)**

**Christina Johnson, Director**

**Sue Corey, Program Coordinator**

**Meg Ryan, Outreach Coordinator**

**Jonathan Edwards, Board of Oversight Chair (Whately)**

**Tom Fydenkevez, Board of Oversight (Sunderland)**

**Trevor McDaniel, Board of Oversight (Deerfield)**

The South County Senior Center serves the Towns of Deerfield, Whately, and Sunderland, in addition to welcoming seniors from all over the area. We are officially open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with many programs and services including a congregate meal site offered during this time. Although no meal is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays various programs and classes are offered on those days as well.

Membership and participation levels continue to grow as the number of seniors has increased within the three towns. As of this writing we have 375 members. During the past year we have felt positive effects of this growth as we fit more people and events into the first floor of our 130 year old school building. This space was renovated approximately 45 years ago and is now in need of substantial renovation or relocation. Discussions and planning for the future of the South County Senior Center are underway.

The year 2019 brought many positive changes; first and foremost, we have welcomed 33 new participants including 20 from Deerfield, 7 from Sunderland, and 6 from Whately.

We continue to be proud recipients of a Title III Church Street Home Grant from Lifepath in Greenfield, as well as Formula and Service Incentive Grants from the MA Executive Office of Elders Affairs. These grants assist the center so we can continue to provide enriching programs as well as to support the Program Coordinator position which is filled by Sue Corey. The Program Coordinator is a 15 hour a week position.

The Service Incentive Grant supports the Outreach Coordinator position which is filled by Meg Ryan who has added 16 new seniors she is working with in 2019. The Outreach Coordinator position is currently a 12 hour a week position.

Once again we received funding in 2019 from the three local Cultural Councils (Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately) so we could present various programs for our members. These events included a presentation titled "Attracting Birds, Butterflies and Other Beneficials" given by naturalist John Root; A Memorial Day performance by entertainer Roger Tinkell, "This Land is Your Land"; A healthy lifestyle program titled "Laugh for the Health of It," and a three-part art class titled "Heart to Art."



The center held many events and programs during 2019 including: 23 Community Education programs, 130 Cultural Events, 61 Health Screenings, 249 Exercise classes, 9 bus trips, 345 Social Events and 185 meals provided. Highlights included our annual June Picnic, Cruise on the "Lady Bea," Trip to the Big E, Oktoberfest, Thanksgiving potluck, and our holiday parties.

The South County Senior Center continues to lend our medical equipment to seniors who need help with walkers, wheelchairs, canes and shower equipment. During the last year, we were able to lend over 70 items of medical equipment to seniors in need.

The South County Senior Center's goals for 2020 include increasing membership; expanding outreach with emphasis on individuals who cannot attend the center; increasing the number of activities; holding events in Sunderland and Whately; continuing to work with the newly re-formed Council on Aging in all 3 towns; and increasing the amount of money the Center collects in donations and grants. In addition, plans for renovation or relocation for our building will continue to move forward.

I look forward to another year as director of the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Johnson, Director  
South County Senior Center

## S. WHITE DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The library has had a wonderful year in its goal to serve the community as hub for information, literacy, resources, guidance, and cultural enrichment. The beautiful historical building which houses the library has been meticulously maintained over the years. This year the focus has been on making the downstairs of our building handicapped accessible. Phase one, which was a feasibility study has been completed. We are currently in Phase 2 of the project, which is securing funding sources. The Board of Trustees have been working closely with Margo Jones from Jones Whitsett on this important project.

Our loyal trustees have worked extremely hard to make sure the library stays the beautiful and dynamic place it is. Thank you to the Trustees: Quinton Dawson, Larry Ashman, Jim Ross, Sheila Powers, Ken Moulton, and Bob Smith for your constant support. We also welcome Megan West as our newest Trustee. Megan has taken the seat that was left vacant when Quint decided to retire after his many years of service to the library. Thank you, Quint, for your dedication and leadership.

Our eighth year as a member of the C/WMARS network confirms our patrons are pleased with the many resources available to them. Circulation statistics for the year totaled 9,578, when before we joined the network, they were approximately 8,000 per year.

Through the generous support of the Whately Cultural Council (WCC) and the Friends of the Library, we were able to host many wonderful programs for all ages. The annual Summer Concert Series, Holiday Craft Fair, and Tree Lighting continue to bring the community together and your donations to the Friends enable us to continue to offer dynamic programs. The library programs supported by the WCC and Friends included: a 3D Design & printing workshop, Chinese Brush Painting, Pax Sax Quartet & Northampton Flutes, and ukulele workshops for both adults and children.

The theme of this year's Summer Reading Program was "A Universe of Stories". Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring "Star Lab" from the Springfield Museum. The Star lab was set up in the Town Hall Auditorium and all who came were able to view the night sky up close and personal.

Thank you to the Friends for the first "Holiday Wreath Making" workshop that was a fundraiser for the library. A good time was had by all who came.

A special Thank You to Sugarloaf String Band for their Fundraising Concert in September.

Thank you to our volunteers Jeffery Kehoe, Linda MacGowen, Luke Deroy and Ingrid Cannaday. Special thanks to our dedicated members of the Friends of the Library; Melissa Caldwell, Katie Ross, Georgia Scura, Susan Sweetser, Allison Bell, Leslie Harris, Mary Ellen Smith, and Shelley Futter.

Thank you to LaSalle's for helping supply the flowers to keep our flower boxes beautiful all year, to the Chamutka family for the beautiful seasonal decorations and holiday wreaths, and to patrons who donated books to our collection.

Finally, thank you to all the residents of Whately for your support of the library! Please remember that you are always welcome here at the Library.

Cynthia Steiner, Library Director

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Whately Recreation Commission (Whately Rec) is excited to report a great year for community recreation activities and organized youth baseball, basketball and soccer. Whately Rec had 52 baseball and softball players, 54 soccer players, 63 basketball players and has grown year-over-year by approximately 5% in all sports categories. However, at the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade levels, within each category produced just enough players in each sport. Whately Rec also developed a solid foundation to purchase and place an ice rink at the Fire Department at the beginning of 2020. Whately Rec was able to raise roughly 10,000 dollars between youth sports, fundraising activities and Herlihy facility usage. At Herlihy a softball field was added through the lead efforts of Board Member Jon Edwards, Highway Department Superintendent Keith Bardwell, Board Member Wayne Hutkoski and the Community Preservation Committee. Moreover, the dugouts have been removed from the parking area and the commission is working to undergo some maintenance activities to improve conditions for patrons of the sports complex. Whately Rec continues to make the most of the resources we have and looks forward to developing more recreation activities and assets throughout the community.

Whately Rec had a great year in youth baseball for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, PreK and K programs, but the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> program only registered approximately 10 or 11 players, which was 19% (33% would have been more proportional) of the overall numbers. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade sports programs were approximately the same for soccer and basketball. At the beginning of the basketball season Whately Rec worked very hard to attract enough players for 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams, to no avail. Even with an effort to recruit additional students, the total number of players were 12, not quite enough to form a second team. The same thing happened in soccer, there were only 11 (or 20%) of the players at the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> levels. In our soccer programs the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, PreK and Kindergarten demographics have produced a more consistent turnout with roughly 33% at both levels, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> represented the most consistent numbers with 25%. These turnouts have been consistent in 2019. Whately Rec is tracking the trends and league and will look toward a solution in 2020 if numbers continue to go down.

Whately Rec has set the foundation to establish an ice rink at the Town Fire Department. By November 29<sup>th</sup> we established a site, received a quote, solicited feedback from other commission members regarding the use value and coordinated with the Town Fire Chief. Whately Rec has a desire to sponsor and lead other projects that would lead to greater outdoor recreation and community engagement. By developing our town assets like Tri Town Beach, West Whately trails, and waterways connected to our parks, we believe this will add appeal and value for Whately residents.

Lastly, Herlihy is taking on more of a sports complex feel by adding the softball field this year and cleaning up parking access. Whately Rec met with Frontier Regional Athletics and Maintenance in 2019 to develop a better working relationship and improve surface conditions in the parking area, procure new material for the large baseball diamond and develop a strategy for general cleanliness. Whately Rec has been working on improving the fields and equipment by planning for fencing solutions, planning to improve the parking surface, planning to remove obstructions to improve maintenance operations. Whately Rec has planned to install signs with rules for patrons of the park. This park has an amazing potential to promote business and generate additional revenue for Recreation. Businesses are asking about advertising availability and Whately Recreation is encouraged about the future potential to invest back in the community at large.



We continue to find ways to save money without diminishing the quality of what we provide. Last year we saved over 1000 dollars by making deals with businesses who provide our equipment. We also saved money on uniforms by having a single member of our Commission care for over 200 jerseys. In addition to saving money we have organized an amazing volunteer force that organized 4 community events including Opening Day at Herlihy and 3 youth sports banquets. In 2020 the Whately Rec Commission will look toward developing the assets we have and capitalizing on those assets. Over the next year Whately Rec will continue to work with other boards and community members to create value and capitalize on our unique community. In 2020 we are hoping to begin working on some initiatives to develop some of the trails for hiking and running in West Whately, launch the ice rink next year with all the amenities and improving our fields at Herlihy and maintain our assets with a measure of excellence.

# FRONTIER SCHOOL REPORT – SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Robert Halla, Chair

Frontier Regional School District Committee

South Deerfield, MA 01373

*Building dynamic learning communities, one student, one teacher, one family at a time.*

As Superintendent of the Frontier Regional and Union #38 Schools, I am proud to submit the 2019 Superintendent’s Report on behalf of the dedicated teachers and administrators of this district

Frontier Regional and Union #38 schools continue to serve our communities by providing excellent public education with an ongoing focus on meeting the individual needs of each student.

This year, with a continuing focus on development, the district has committed to the professional development of teachers and staff in the areas of trauma-informed instruction and academic rigor/student engagement. This has been built into our existing professional development plan and has been well received. Teachers also continued to work on alignment and calibration of assessments as well as a variety of other subject-specific professional development to enrich and refine their teaching.

In addition to a focus on staff development, we have also looked closely at our facilities through the lens of investment and longevity. This past year the Frontier community continued to show its support of our work and our impact by voting to approve the Capital Improvement Bonds to repair the track and provide much-needed building improvements. The improvement projects will start in July of 2020, these mark the beginning of more regular improvements to elongate and keep our facilities in good working condition.

I am extremely proud of our schools and there is no question that they are the heart of our community. Our hard-working, committed staff is reflective of our hard-working committed community—the ongoing, mutual support is impactful, infectious, and has been integral to creating something very special.

In service,

Darius Modestow,

Superintendent of Schools

**Overview:** Frontier Regional School opened in 1954 in the town of South Deerfield, Massachusetts. The school includes students in grades 7 through 12 with an enrollment of 655 students. This is an increase of 8 students from the October 1, 2018 enrollment figures of 647 students. Of the 655 students, 176 were School Choice students, which is an increase of 7 students from the October 1, 2018 School Choice enrollment figure of 169.

The class of 2019 had 93 graduates, 51% planned to attend a four-year college, 24% a two-year college, 2% vocational schools, 3% to a post-graduate year at private school, 80% to further education, 13% to labor market, 3% to gap year and 4% unknown. **This is consistent** with graduates of the class of 2018 where there were 81 graduates: 72% planned to attend a four-year college, 25% a two-year college, \*97% higher education), and 3% were undecided and/or planned to enter the labor market.

**CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The sub-committee on capital planning was established by vote of the Frontier Regional School (FRSD) Committee in December 2017. The sub-committee charge was to identify all capital needs of the FRSD and develop a plan for addressing those needs in FY20 and in subsequent years.

The eight-member Capital Planning Subcommittee is comprised of one regional school committee person and a select board member from each town and is chaired by the Superintendent of Schools. 2020 committee members include:

Conway	Bob Armstrong, Select Board Philip Kantor, Regional School Committee
Deerfield	Trevor McDaniel, Select Board Robert Decker, Regional School Committee
Sunderland	Scott Bergeron, Select Board Judy Pierce, Regional School Committee
Whately	Frederick Orloski, Select Board Robert Halla, Regional School Committee
Superintendent	Darius Modestow
District Facility Director	William Hildreth

The capital sub-committee continues in its second year evaluating capital needs and providing annual expenditure and recommendations of funding each project. In addition, the committee is overseeing the larger Capital Projects beginning with the reconstruction of the outdoor Track.

I am very proud of the work of the capital planning sub-committee. The dedication of both their time and knowledge to improve the structure around capital improvement planning in implementation.

## **FRONTIER CURRICULUM AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

A number of recent curriculum changes at the state and local level continue to influence the development and refinement of the Frontier Regional School Curriculum. Details follow by content area:

**Science:** Frontier Regional School was one of a limited number of school districts that received a generous grant from MassBioEd. The funding will provide Frontier science department faculty with ongoing professional development on the implementation of cutting edge lab techniques for students. In addition, funding will allow the department to purchase equipment required for labs. Donations of new microscopes and other equipment will give students the opportunity to conduct experiments that are not seen in most science classrooms across the state.

**Foreign Language:** The Foreign Language department worked on the implementation of a new diploma program titled “The Seal of BiLiteracy.” This diploma recognizes students who are fluent in two or more languages. Students will be required to take an exam in order to demonstrate their mastery of a second language. It is anticipated that the first students to complete the requirements will graduate in June, 2020.

**Arts:** The Massachusetts curriculum standards for the arts were last updated in 1999. New standards were recently released in a draft format. The Arts Department is in the process of taking an online course to help them better understand the revisions in the standards and develop a plan for rolling out these standards in the arts education program at Frontier.

**Health/Physical Education:** Like the Arts Standards the last publication from The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for health was in 1999. There is a scheduled release of new standards in the spring of 2020. In anticipation of this release the Frontier Health department examined the four required health courses and prioritized content that is critical for youth safety and development. Once the new standards are released in 2020 the courses will be further refined to align with the state guidelines.

**Social Studies:** The Social Studies department continued to work on alignment with the new DESE Social Studies Frameworks. There is a heavy emphasis on Civic Engagement in the 2018 standards. Students in grade 8 and once during high school will be required to complete a civics project. Frontier received a grant for \$25,000 that will allow Frontier faculty to join other teachers from Western Massachusetts in a professional development opportunity in the spring of 2020 through the spring of 2021. The course will help teachers to develop civic project assignments for students in the selected grades.



**Math:** The math department is in the process of vetting a new primary resource for instruction at the high school level for pre-calculus. With the changes in the new standards the content of individual courses moves. Updated interactive resources allow students to interact more deeply with the content.

**English Language Arts:** The English department continued to work on examining resources to help students acquire grammar. An adoption of a new grammar resource is anticipated for the 20/21 school year.

### **ASSESSMENT AND SCHEDULING**

Faculty continued to participate in professional development based on the previous year's recommendations by the assessment committee. Faculty members explored research based assessment practices and are implementing new strategies to both measure student learning as well as promote the acquisition of skills as defined by the new standards.

The high school implementation of a new schedule to increase the flexibility for students changes included:

- Created one 45 minute short block at the high school level.
- Added 5 additional credits each year to high school. This will result in increased credits needed for graduation.
- Students are required to take 2.5 of these credits as a directed study (special education skills classes will count towards this requirement).
- Band and Strings are offered during the 45 minute short block. Only elective non singleton classes will be offered during the short block (ie: no competing classes for our performing arts classes).
- A continued limit of 30 AP credits per year
- Developed more electives to be added in the 20/21 school year such as:
  - Sociology
  - Literature of the Fantastic
  - Women's Studies
  - Classical mythology
  - Other topics that students have shown an interest in when they take independent studies.

**Staff:** Robert Lesko, Director of School Facilities, retired this year. Mr. Lesko was replaced by William Hildreth.

Paula Light, Accounts Payable Specialist/Bookkeeper and Treasurer for Frontier Regional School District, retired this year. Ms. Light was replaced by Brenda Antes who will take over as Payroll Specialist for the Frontier Regional and Union #38 School Districts. Karen Guy joins Frontier as Treasurer, with Brenda Antes remaining as Assistant Treasurer.

Carolyn Eddy has returned to Frontier as a Special Education Team Leader.

**New Faculty:** Carl Cyr, Physical Education Teacher and Athletic Director; Zachary Rom, Chemistry Teacher; Beth Smith, English Teacher; Kristin McLaughlin, Science (MS/HS) Teacher; Kelly Wilkerson, Special Education Teacher; Kelsey Cropp, Guidance Counselor; Justin Cheney, HS Science Teacher;

**Retired Faculty:** Kimberly Scudder, Special Education Teacher; Maureen Briere, Science Teacher; David Buckley, English Teacher; Chevy Seney, Chemistry Teacher; Marty Sanderson, Physical Education Teacher and Athletic Director; Jeremy Rogers, Social Studies Teacher;

**Faculty Resignations:** Amy Gallanter, Guidance Counselor; Matthew Guertin, HS Science Teacher; Claire Huttlinger, part-time Spanish Teacher; Jasmine Delsie, Occupational Therapist;

### **Special Thanks**

We are pleased to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of Frontier Regional School Committee Members: **Chair Robert Halla, Vice Chair William Smith, Secretary Judy Pierce, Members Robert Decker, III, Mary Ramon, Lyn Roberts, Philip Kantor, Keith McFarland, Damien Fosnot, Olivia Leone and Ashley Dion.** I look forward to continuing our work together.

Thank you to the citizens of our four towns for being supportive of public education and our wonderful schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Darius E. Modestow, Superintendent of Schools

# FRONTIER SCHOOL REPORT

Robert Halla, Chair  
Frontier Regional School District Committee  
South Deerfield, MA 01373

Dear Mr. Halla:

I respectfully submit the 2019 Frontier Regional School Annual Report.

## FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

### TERM EXPIRES

* Robert Halla, Chair, Whately	2020
William Smith, V. Chair, Whately	2021
Judy Pierce, Secretary, Sunderland	2022
Olivia Leone, Member, Deerfield	2021
* Philip Kantor, Member, Conway	2020
* Mary Ramon, Member, Deerfield	2020
* Keith McFarland, Member, Sunderland	2020
Robert Decker, Member, Deerfield	2020
Ashley Dion, Member, Conway	2022
Lyn Roberts, Member, Sunderland	2020
Damien Fosnot, Member, Deerfield	2022

\*Representing the local Elementary School Committees for one-year term.

Regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, in the Media Center, Frontier Regional School, South Deerfield, Massachusetts at 6:00 p.m.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Darius Modestow	Superintendent of Schools
Shelley Poreda	Director of Business Administration
Karen Ferrandino	Director of Special Education
Sarah Mitchell	Director of Secondary Education
William Hildreth	Director of School Facilities
Scott Paul	Director of Technology

### **SUPPORT STAFF**

Executive Assistant to Superintendent	Donna Hathaway
Administrative Assistant (SPED)	Penny Smiarowski
Administrative Assistant	Mary Jane Whitcomb
Receptionist	Rhonda Lutenegger
Payroll Specialist, FRS/Union #38	Brenda Antes
Accounts Payable/Bookkeeper, FRS	Donna Lloyd
Accounts Payable/Bookkeeper, Union #38	Michelle Melnik
Grants Accountant	Stephan Shepherd
Deborah Coons	SIS Data Specialist
Stuart Dusenberry	Network Administrator
Keith Van Buren	Information Technology Specialist

### **FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL**

George Lanides	Principal
Scott Dredge	Assistant Principal
Roberta Reiter	Principal's Secretary
Kelly Blanchette	Special Education Secretary
Michelle Russell	Attendance Secretary
Mary Lapinski	Guidance Secretary



**FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL**  
**ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1, 2019**

Grade	Conway	Deerfield	Sunderland	Whately	School Choice	Tuitioned In	Total
7	15	47	12	14	34	0	122
8	15	43	17	13	35	0	123
9	10	38	17	6	25	0	96
10	13	33	21	9	26	0	102
11	16	44	20	4	25	0	109
12	12	37	8	9	29	1	96
SP	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	81	244	96	56	176	2	655

**FRONTIER REGIONAL**  
**SALARY SCHEDULE**

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

<b><u>STEP</u></b>	<b><u>Bachelors</u></b>	<b><u>Masters</u></b>	<b><u>M+30</u></b>	<b><u>CAGS/Doctorate</u></b>
<b>0</b>	\$43,145	\$45,224	\$47,772	\$50,161
<b>1</b>	\$45,369	\$47,190	\$49,580	\$52,058
<b>2</b>	\$47,251	\$49,206	\$51,450	\$54,023
<b>3</b>	\$48,415	\$51,292	\$53,387	\$56,055
<b>4</b>	\$50,110	\$52,933	\$55,346	\$58,114
<b>5</b>	\$51,422	\$54,669	\$57,425	\$60,296
<b>6</b>	\$53,636	\$56,413	\$59,321	\$62,285
<b>7</b>	\$55,050	\$58,204	\$61,232	\$64,292
<b>8</b>	\$56,508	\$59,671	\$63,996	\$67,195
<b>9</b>	\$59,320	\$63,062	\$66,841	\$70,182
<b>10</b>	\$62,430	\$66,715	\$69,773	\$73,263
<b>11</b>	\$63,465	\$69,175	\$72,994	\$76,644
<b>12</b>	\$65,932	\$71,731	\$75,611	\$79,391
<b>13</b>	\$66,920	\$72,806	\$76,745	\$80,581
<b>20L</b>	\$67,420	\$73,306	\$77,245	\$81,081
<b>25L</b>	\$67,920	\$73,806	\$77,745	\$81,581

**APPENDIX A**

**2016-2019 SALARY SCHEDULES**

**Unit C Instructional Assistants**

	HOURLY RATES		
Step	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
	Top Step increase only*	2.5%	2.5%
1	\$13.25	\$13.58	\$13.92
2	\$13.73	\$14.07	\$14.43
3	\$14.22	\$14.58	\$14.94
4	\$14.68	\$15.05	\$15.42
5	\$15.17	\$15.55	\$15.94
6	\$15.64	\$16.03	\$16.43
7	\$16.15	\$16.55	\$16.97
8	\$16.60	\$17.02	\$17.44
9	\$17.10	\$17.53	\$17.97
10	\$17.60	\$18.04	\$18.49

### Unit C Educational Support Nurses

	HOURLY RATES		
Step	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
	1%	2.5%	2.5%
1	\$22.12	\$22.67	\$23.24
2	\$23.07	\$23.65	\$24.24
3	\$24.02	\$24.62	\$25.23
4	\$24.96	\$25.58	\$26.22
5	\$25.90	\$26.54	\$27.21
6	\$26.85	\$27.52	\$28.20
7	\$27.80	\$28.49	\$29.20
8	\$28.74	\$29.46	\$30.20
9	\$29.69	\$30.44	\$31.20
10	\$30.62	\$31.39	\$32.17

**NOTE:** Schedule reflects following agreement:

**FY 2017:** Instructional Assistants shall implement a revised Salary Schedule which includes the removal of the bottom step and an increase to the top step. Employees will remain on the same step as a result of the step removal (no double steps).

Educational Support Nurses shall receive step movement for eligible employees and a 1% increase to Schedule.

**FY 2018:** Step movement for eligible employees and a 2.5% increase to Schedule.

**FY 2019:** Step movement for eligible employees and a 2.5% increase to Schedule.

# WHATELY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

## District Mission Statement

*Building dynamic learning communities, one student, one teacher, one family at a time.*

## District Vision Statement

*Vibrant, collaborative, engaging, and inclusive learning communities promoting the growth of every student.*

As Superintendent of the Frontier Regional and Union #38 Schools, I am proud to submit the 2019 Superintendent’s Report on behalf of the dedicated teachers and administrators of this district.

Frontier Regional and Union #38 schools continue to serve our communities by providing excellent public education with an ongoing focus on meeting the individual needs of each student.

This year, with a continuing focus on development, the district has committed to the professional development of teachers and staff in the areas of trauma-informed instruction and academic rigor/student engagement. This has been built into our existing professional development plan and has been well received. Teachers also continued to work on alignment and calibration of assessments as well as a variety of other subject-specific professional development to enrich and refine their teaching.

I am extremely proud of our schools and there is no question that they are the heart of our community. Our hard-working, committed staff is reflective of our hard-working committed community—the ongoing, mutual support is impactful, infectious, and has been integral to creating something very special.

Enrollment and School Choice: The October 1, 2019 enrollment for Whately Elementary School totaled 127 (PreK-6) students. This is a decrease of 12 students from the October 1, 2018 enrollment figures of 139 students. Of those 127 students, 41 are School Choice students, which is a decrease of 1 student from the School Choice enrollment of October 2018 of 42 School Choice students.

### Curriculum and Professional Development:

Professional Development: Early release Fridays continued to provide valuable professional development designed to increase student learning outcomes in the classroom. Teachers focused on academic rigor and student engagement across curricular content while exploring instructional design, the power of academic language, assessment, social/ emotional development, and behavioral support. Inter-district grade level meetings, collaborative building-based opportunities, and teacher choice continued to be important aspects of our early release professional development design.

Literacy: Students developed word reading and comprehension strategies using high quality developmentally appropriate reading materials in both print and digital formats. Foundational instruction for students in the reading acquisition stage emphasized multimodal strategies to sound out words, increase sight word knowledge, and understand and think critically with narrative and expository texts. Upper grade students had ample opportunities to apply learned strategies to deepen their vocabulary, content knowledge, and critical thinking skills by reading and responding to current news stories with online educational resources that allowed teachers to match stories/content with students’ interests and reading levels.

Writing instruction in narrative, opinion/argument, and informational genres occurred through a process writing



approach. Strategy instruction focused on organization, clarifying, defending, refuting, analyzing, dissecting, connecting, and expanding on ideas and concepts. Guiding students to communicate important ideas, to clarify interrelationships among concepts, and to use writing as a tool for learning were instructional targets. A variety of texts and formats, including print, digital, and web based resources, were used to integrate and promote higher order reading and writing skills.

**Mathematics:** Students increased their computational and conceptual mathematical skills using hands-on manipulatives, games, interactive web based programs, and core curricular resources. The math workshop model advanced mathematical rigor and relevance by targeting increasingly complex skill development in number sense, identifying patterns, and strategic problem-solving. Teacher-guided small group instruction along with opportunities for independent work, collaborative application through dynamic project-based activities, and interactive student reflection are core components of the math workshop model.

**Science:** Continued teacher collaboration with the Hitchcock Center promoted students' scientific thinking and problem-solving skills within a hands-on iterative engineering design. Using a wide range of life, earth, physical, and environmental science topics, students asked questions about situational problems, imagined and brainstormed solutions, decided on a plan, tested it out, analyzed what worked/what didn't, and modified/improved the design. Promoting collaborative thinking/reasoning, discovery, and problem-solving skills were foundational to scientific instruction and learning.

**History and Social Science:** Instruction based on the Massachusetts's new History and Social Science standards (2018), helped to increase students' understanding of citizens' rights and responsibilities within a democratic society. Learning why and how past events connect to the present and how they have the potential to shape the future were explored through a variety of sources, literature, and learning activities. Depending on grade levels, students gained foundational knowledge in history and government, the American Revolution, Civil War, Reconstruction, and the 20th century Civil Rights movement.

**Technology:** Digital literacy instruction was provided to students during focused technology instructional time with the school library/media specialist. Classroom teachers embedded a range of technology tools and provided application guidance across learning activities and curricular goals. Helping students recognize how to use technology to achieve, demonstrate, and expand learning is core to this instruction. Teachers also accessed our district's Tech Center for training and personalized support to promote integrative technology use in the classroom. Teachers have access to over 40 web-based platforms to support core learning objectives in reading, writing, math, and science at the Tech Center. There are also over 600 apps to meet the diverse needs and interests of our students housed there.

**Assessment:** Union#38 schools continue to use standards-based report cards that align with state curriculum standards. Teams of teachers from the four elementary schools met with grade level colleagues throughout the year to collaborate on ways to measure and promote student growth. Frequent and informal assessments are used for students and teachers to monitor learning progression. Whole class assessment such as using confidence ratings, response boards, and/or voting techniques were used to guide day-to-day instruction and student growth. A variety of inter-district common assessments in core content areas

**Staff:** Louise Law, Director of Elementary Education, retired this year. Ms. Law was replaced by Kimberly McCarthy (Director of Early Childhood). Aimee Smith Zeoli replaced Ms. McCarthy as Director of Early

Childhood. Robert Lesko, Director of School Facilities, retired this year. Mr. Lesko was replaced by William Hildreth. Karen Green, CFCE Coordinator, retired this year. She was replaced by Amy Battisti.

**New Faculty:** Amy Tibbetts, Grade 1 and Christine Sirard, Music Teacher.

**Faculty Resignations:** Rebecca Chase, Grade 1 Teacher and Steve Damon, Music Teacher.

Special Thanks: We are pleased to acknowledge the dedication of Whately School Committee members: Chair Katie Edwards, Vice Chair Maureen Nichols, and Secretary Robert Halla. The members of the Committee work tirelessly on behalf of the children in Whately. Together, we look forward to working with this group to continue to strive for the best educational experience for our students.

Respectfully submitted,

Darius E. Modestow, Superintendent of Schools

# WHATELY SCHOOL REPORT

Katie Edwards, Chair  
Whately School Committee  
Whately, MA 01093

Dear Ms. Edwards:

I respectfully submit the 2019 Annual Report for the Whately Elementary School.

**WHATELY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Katie Edwards, Chair	2022
Maureen Nichols, Vice Chair	2020
*Robert Halla, Secretary	2021

\*Representative to the Frontier Regional School Committee

**ADMINISTRATION**

Superintendent	Darius Modestow
Director of Business Administration	Shelley Poreda
Director of Special Education	Karen Ferrandino
Director of Elementary Education	Kimberly McCarthy
Director of Early Childhood	Aimee Smith-Zeoli
Director of School Facilities	William Hildreth
Principal	Kristina Kirton

### SUPPORT STAFF

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Accounts Payable/Bookkeeper, Union #38	Michelle Melnik
Grants Accountant	Stephan Shepherd
School Secretary	Mary Lesenski

### WHATELY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1, 2019

	School			Tuitioned	
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Choice</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pre-K	11	8	0	0	19
K	4	5	7	0	16
1	4	5	6	0	15
2	2	6	6	0	14
3	5	7	7	0	19
4	4	3	5	0	12
5	8	4	3	0	15
<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17</u>
TOTAL	44	42	41	0	127



**UNION #38 TEACHERS' SALARY SCHEDULE**

**CONWAY, DEERFIELD, SUNDERLAND, WHATELY**

**July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

							<b>M+45</b>
<b><u>STEP</u></b>	<b><u>B</u></b>	<b><u>B+15</u></b>	<b><u>M</u></b>	<b><u>M+15</u></b>	<b><u>M+30</u></b>		<b><u>CAGS</u></b>
4	3	43,747.00	45,112.00	46,521.00	47,977.00	49,476.00	50,947.00
	4	45,112.00	46,521.00	47,977.00	49,476.00	51,024.00	52,495.00
	5	46,521.00	47,977.00	49,476.00	51,024.00	52,618.00	54,089.00
	6	47,977.00	49,476.00	51,024.00	52,618.00	54,258.00	55,729.00
	7	49,476.00	51,024.00	52,618.00	54,258.00	55,953.00	57,424.00
	8	51,024.00	52,618.00	54,258.00	55,953.00	57,703.00	59,174.00
	9	52,618.00	54,258.00	55,953.00	57,703.00	59,506.00	60,977.00
	10	54,258.00	55,953.00	57,703.00	59,506.00	61,364.00	62,835.00
	11	55,953.00	57,703.00	59,506.00	61,364.00	63,281.00	64,752.00
	12	57,703.00	59,506.00	61,364.00	63,281.00	65,260.00	66,731.00
	13	59,506.00	61,364.00	63,281.00	65,260.00	67,304.00	68,775.00
	14	64,499.00	66,448.00	68,842.00	70,913.00	73,721.00	75,191.00
	20	66,501.00	68,487.00	70,930.00	73,043.00	75,908.00	77,379.00

Nature's Classroom Teacher: \$100 per day of attendance by a teacher.

Workshop Presenters: \$30 per hour of presentation and reimbursement for reasonable expenses.

Head Teachers: \$1,500

Placement on 20 occurs when a teacher has completed 19 years of service as a teacher in the District.

Mentors: \$500 per each new teacher, \$250 for second/third-year teacher, \$250 for each additional teacher being mentored, to a maximum of three (3) in any year.

**UNION #38 INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS' SALARY SCHEDULE**

**CONWAY, DEERFIELD, SUNDERLAND, WHATELY**

**July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

**Instructional Assistants**

<b>2018-2019</b>	
Step 1	\$13.53
Step 2	\$13.63
Step 3	\$14.13
Step 4	\$14.62
Step 5	\$15.10
Step 6	\$15.60
Step 7	\$16.08
Step 8	\$16.57
Step 9	\$17.07
Step 10	\$17.56
Step 11	\$18.05

Revised salary schedule with increases to Step 1, Step 10, and Step 11. Steps for those who are eligible, with no double steps

Educational Support Nurses, LPN, COTA, SLPA & PTA

2018-2019	
Step	2.5%
1	\$23.24
2	\$24.24
3	\$25.23
4	\$26.22
5	\$27.21
6	\$28.20
7	\$29.20
8	\$30.20
9	\$31.20
10	\$32.17

# FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to twenty-one member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

A review of recycling tonnage for 2019 shows a decrease in recycling tonnage compared to 2018. District residents recycled just over 2,700 tons of paper and containers. The recyclables were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility and sold for reuse at domestic and international mills. Towns continued to be paid \$6 per ton of recyclables through calendar year 2019.

In 2019, the District sponsored spring and fall “Clean Sweep” collections for bulky items, electronics, tires, appliances, and anything too big to fit into a trash bag. Over 66 tons of material were recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 664 households participated in these collection events. That is 6% more participation than in 2018.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2019. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 380 households participated in this event. 44% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$123,000 for District towns. Some grant funding is a result of a town’s successful waste management infrastructure. Other grants include equipment to make town transfer stations more efficient.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 413-772-2438 (MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 TTY/TDD), visit our website at [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org) or visit us at 117 Main St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*

Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain – *Chair*

Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Vice-Chair*

MA Swedlund, Deerfield – *Treasurer*



## VETERANS SERVICES

Our district has now been in operation for 4 ½ years. We are the largest district by community count and square miles covered in the state. Below are just some of the programs and services we help veterans' and their dependents with:

- ☐ M.G.L. Ch 115 benefit – Needs based program of financial and medical assistance to eligible veterans and their dependents
- ☐ Assistance to veterans and dependents to help file for VA health care, pensions, and service-connected disabilities
- ☐ Homeless prevention assistance to veterans and their families
- ☐ Employment help with job searches, resumes, and job interview skills
- ☐ Burial assistance to include government markers, flag holders, internment, and VA burial reimbursement
- ☐ Veterans records retrieval and storage
- ☐ Referral to other public and private agencies to include housing, fuel assistance, employment, training, education
- ☐ Attend area outreach events(fairs, festivals, health care expos)

We have continued to work hard helping veterans and dependents file for VA benefits due them. Whately now has around \$10049.69 in monthly Federal VA payments being paid to approximately 9 Whately residents. This is tax-free income paid due to service-connected injuries, low-income or survivor status.

We forecast Whately's M.G.L. Ch115 caseload to remain flat for the foreseeable future. This is the states low income assistance program for veterans' and their dependents. Although reimbursed back to the towns at 75%, this takes over a year to get back from the state.

For the coming year we will continue to assist veterans, and will emphasize programs for the dependents of veterans, particularly the elderly population. Our long-term goals include updated hardware and expanding satellite hours in the district.

Timothy Niejadlik, Director

Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals met nine times in 2019, considering three special permit applications related to marijuana cultivation and/or sales, one appeal to the use of the Town Hall on Chestnut Plain Road, and a request for a variance so as to construct a barn on a residential lot.

The petitioner seeking the variance withdrew without prejudice, the ZBA clarified the uses for Town Hall, and the ZBA approved the three marijuana projects. Additionally, several members of the ZBA contributed their perspectives to the ongoing discussions of new zoning related to large solar projects.

As always, the board members are grateful for the input of Whately citizens at the public hearings and site views we conduct.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Carney

Vice-Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals

## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

In FY2019 the town of Whately collected \$86,300 in CPA tax revenues and received a \$70,679 state match for our FY2018 tax collections for total receipts of \$156, 979.

In November we were awarded a preliminary match of \$75,021 (86.9%) for our FY2019 revenues. We anticipate that another \$11,279 will be awarded in coming months due to the additional \$20 million which the legislature contributed to the state's CPA Trust Fund from surplus funds at the end of the fiscal year. This will bring our match percentage to 100%; Whately is one of very few communities in the Commonwealth to receive such a high percentage match.

The CPC has worked steadily to prepay as much of the \$400,000 town hall debt financing as CPA revenues and project funding requests over the last two years have permitted. At the March special town meeting, the town voted \$50,000 to reduce the debt, in addition to the previously approved \$43,000 in debt service. This reduced the principal outstanding to about \$265,000. We anticipate that the debt service voted for FY20 will reduce the principal amount by about another \$35,000.

At the April annual town meeting and the special July town meeting, voters approved spending \$4500 to restore the 1938 town hall auditorium backdrop curtain; \$10,300 to restore the historic town safe at town hall; and \$61,300 for construction of a softball field at Herlihy Park.

As we do each fall, we reviewed the CPC's plan, which outlines priorities for funding in each of the eligible categories: Community Housing, Historic Preservation, Open Space and Recreation. A copy of the plan may be found on the CPC page at [whately.org](http://whately.org).

We thank John Devine for his long service on the CPC and welcome Doug Coldwell as his replacement as an at-large member representing the Agricultural Commission and Jonathan Edwards as the Recreation Commission member.

Alan Sanderson, Chair

Doug Coldwell

Jonathan Edwards

Judy Markland

Donna Wiley

Catherine Wolkowicz

## FRONTIER COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION

The year 2019 was overall a successful one for FCAT. We maintained a positive cash flow while still fulfilling our mission of telling the stories and being the primary media source of record for the residents of Conway, Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately.

I am especially proud of the quality and the volume of production we were able to deliver in the last 12 months. In many ways, it was our best year ever. Our high school sports coverage, under the direction of Outreach Coordinator Kevin Murphy, continues to be the envy of high schools across the region. In addition to covering pretty much every team at Frontier Regional School, this past winter, we expanded our efforts to include Greenfield High School Hockey, a co-operative program which includes a number of FRS students. These games, besides being entertaining, have generated thousands of YouTube hits from hockey fans across the region.

Sports is just one part of what we do, however. Our governmental coverage also went to another level in 2019. We rarely missed a meeting of importance in all four towns this year. Our coverage of cultural events has taken a giant leap forward with development of a number of short features on area events, including but not limited to the opening of Sunderland's Riverfront Park, Conway's Festival of the Hills, the Franklin County Fair, South Deerfield's Trick or Treating, and the Christmas Tree Lighting in South Deerfield, among many others.. I believe we have the best team in public access today, and look forward to more of the same in 2020.



FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

FRANKLIN COUNTY

COOPERATIVE BUILDING INSPECTION PROGRAM

Dear Residents of Whately:

As you know, your town receives building, plumbing, gas, and wiring inspection and zoning enforcement services through the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program (FCCIP), a forty-five-year-old shared service housed at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG). We thank your town for your continued participation in the FCCIP, which allows small towns to have access to professional staff and state-of-the-art technology.

In 2019 we issued 2,222 permits, including a significant number of insulation upgrade, solar array and wood/pellet stove permits. A total of 23 new dwelling units were constructed in our 15 member towns.

Our online permitting program went live on July 1, 2011 and has issued 20,758 building, electrical & plumbing/gas permits since then. The program allows you to apply, pay for, and track the progress of any permit online, saving you time and visits to our office in Greenfield. The program has 5,517 registered users. You can find it at [www.frcog.org](http://www.frcog.org) under the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program. Our website also includes helpful information on inspection requirements, permit costs, and contractor licensing.

In 2019, the FCCIP processed the following permits for Whately:

Residential Building Permits	71
Commercial Building Permits	12
Electrical Permits	58
Plumbing Permits	9
Gas Permits	22
Sheet Metal/Duct Permits	3
Certificates of Inspection	13
Signs	3
Tents	2
Solid Fuel	5
Fire Protection	1

We would like to remind all residents of the importance of applying for permits for work done. Building, Electrical and Plumbing/Gas permits are required by law and are an essential step in ensuring the safety of our communities. Please feel free to call our office with any [building or zoning questions at 774-3167, extension 113.](#)

James D. Hawkins Building Commissioner Inspector <a href="mailto:jhawkins@frcog.org">jhawkins@frcog.org</a>	David Roberts Building Inspector  <a href="mailto:droberts@frcog.org">droberts@frcog.org</a>	Tom McDonald Electrical Inspector  <a href="mailto:electric@frcog.org">electric@frcog.org</a>	Andy French Plumbing/Gas  <a href="mailto:plumbing@frcog.org">plumbing@frcog.org</a>
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## BOSTON POST CANE

The presentation of the Boston Post Cane began in 1909 as an attempt to increase the circulation of the venerable newspaper. The cane, made from an African imported ebony, gild the tips with 14k gold with a ferule on the lower end and a gold decorated head, was to be presented to the oldest male resident of town. It was to be held by him until his death when it was returned to the Selectmen. In 1930 women were declared eligible for award. The original cane is held by the Whately Historical Society. Recipients receive a plaque, pin and flowers from the Selectmen.

### List of the Cane Holders in Whately

- David Ashcraft—Born in Guilford, VT Keeper of the Cane - 1909—1912. Died Age 91
- Chauncy A. Graves—Born in Whately, MA Keeper of the Cane -- 1912—1919. Died Age 86.
- Edward E. Sanderson – Born in Whately, MA Keeper of the Cane –1919—death 1931. Age 95. Served 3 years in Civil War (37th Reg.)
- Lyman M. Sanderson – Born in Whately, MA Keeper of the Cane –1931— 1940. Died Age 86
- Hiram Dickinson – Born in Whately, MA Keeper of the Cane –1940—1948. Died Age 85
- Horace Bardwell – Born in Whately, MA Keeper of the Cane –1948—death 1957. Died Age 89
- James A. Wood – Born in Whately, MA Keeper of the Cane –1957— 1961. Died Age 91
- Lewis H. Cramer – Born in Buckland, MA Keeper of the Cane –1961—November 11, 1966. Died Age 92.
- Alex Baronas – Born in Poland, Keeper of the Cane –1966—death 1972. Died Age 93
- Fred W. Bardwell – Born in Whately, MA Keeper of the Cane –1972—1977.Died Age 97
- John Olynik – Born in Ukraine. Keeper of the Cane –1977— 1985. Died Age 94
- Howard R. Waite – Born in Whately, MA Keeper of the Cane –1985—1988. Died Age 95.
- Joseph Wasilewski – Born in Poland, Keeper of the Cane –1989—1990. Died Age 94.
- Annie Madeline Gifford Sanderson –Born in New York City, NY Keeper of the Cane –1991— 2002. It was presented to her at a family gathering, our first woman keeper. Died age 100.
- Evelyn B. Lawrence – Born in Whately, MA Keeper of the Cane—2002—2002. Died Age 92
- Alice W. Grafflin – Born in New York. Keeper of the Cane – 2002 – 2003 Died Age 92
- Chanchalben Patel – Born in India – Keeper of the Cane- 2003 – death, 2008 Died Age 96

- John K. Jarosewicz – Born in Poland – Keeper of the Cane – 2010 - 2013 Cane presented January 30, 2010 at age 100. Died age 103.
- Joseph and Mary Rup – Born in Hadley, MA and Whately, MA. The first couple to be the oldest residents. Keepers of the cane 2013 – 2016. Joseph died age 98. Mary died age 99.
- Bernice M. Duda – Born in South Deerfield, MA. January 2017 – April 2017. Oldest resident. Died age 98.
- Anne Daniels – Born in Whately, MA May 2017-August 2017 Oldest resident. Died age 97
- Sherman Smith – Born in Springfield, MA August 2017-present. Oldest resident age 98

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2020

Established in 1995, the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) is responsible for the long-range planning of capital projects on an on-going basis. The CIPC studies the need for capital projects submitted by town departments, boards and committees and makes recommendations on the priority of each proposed project. A ten-year plan has been developed by the CIPC and is updated each year based on the changing needs of the Town's departments, boards and committees.

Over the past year a number of important projects, both small and large have been completed which will allow the Town to continue providing a high level of services to residents. Please see below for some of the projects completed.

**Highway Department:** The wood/oil furnace has been replaced at the Highway Garage and new tires for the front loader have been purchased and installed.

**Fire Department:** The Fire Station has been re-sided with vinyl siding to protect the exterior of the building for another twenty to thirty years. The Fire Department also completed its first purchase of 5" fire hose to replace the existing 4" hose on one of its fire engines.

**Elementary School:** The School continued with its planned replacement of the worn carpets in the classrooms and nurse's office with flooring tiles and area rugs. The School also installed mini-split units in the office and cafeteria to provide heating and cooling in those spaces more efficiently.

**Library:** The design of accessibility improvements at the Library, to make the building fully accessible, have been completed. When constructed, the improvements will allow patrons of all abilities to use the bathrooms and all other public areas of the building.

**Recreation Commission:** The construction of a new softball field at Herlihy Park has been completed. This new field replaces the softball field located at the former East Whately School.

**Water Department:** The Water Department purchased a new pick-up truck to replace its aging pick-up truck.

The CIPC has reviewed and discussed all of the capital projects submitted for the upcoming fiscal year and has provided the following recommendations to the Finance Committee and Selectboard.

**PRIORITY A:** *Urgent, high priority projects which should be done if at all possible. A special effort should be made to find funding for all projects in this group.*

- Construction of handicapped accessibility improvements at the Library
- Installation of an emergency back-up generator at the Town Offices
- Completion of electrical upgrades at the Westbrook Road pumping station
- Purchase of a new excavator for the Highway Department
- Purchase and installation of new radios and equipment for the Fire and Police Departments

**PRIORITY B:** *High priority projects should be done as funding becomes available.*



- Replace classroom carpets with flooring tiles and area rugs at the Whately Elementary School
- Reconstruct and resurface the driveway and parking lot at the Whately Elementary School
- Remove skylights in the cafeteria at the Whately Elementary School
- Expand and resurface the parking lot and driveway at the Library
- Repairs and painting at the Police Station
- Replace 4" fire hose with new 5" fire hose
- Purchase and install four pole mounted radar speeds signs

**PRIORITY C:** *Worthwhile projects to be considered if funding is available; may be deferred to a subsequent year.*

- Install energy efficiency improvements and upgrades at the Whately Elementary School
- Purchase of an electronic variable messaging board

Respectfully submitted: Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Dan Kennedy, Frederick Orloski, Katie Edwards, Nicholas Jones, Darcy Tozier, Brian Domina (Town Administrator ex-officio)

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee makes recommendations to the Selectboard and Finance Committee on all personnel matters, including but not limited to salaries and wages, job descriptions and personnel policies

Each year the Personnel Committee collects and analyzes the salary and wage information from ten similar communities based on population, geographic proximity to Whately, average single-family tax bill, annual total tax levy, median household income, equalized value, CIP% of total assessed value, and road mileage. The ten communities identified by the Personnel Committee as similar to Whately are Shelburne, Westhampton, Ashfield, Buckland, Conway, Hatfield, Hinsdale, Leverett, Pelham and Shutesbury. Based on this analysis, the Personnel Committee recommended that salary/wage adjustments be made for the Town Clerk (from \$23.68 to \$26.00), Senior Operator (Highway Department) (from \$22.02 to \$23.53), Transfer Station Attendant (from \$16.40 to \$17.31) and Custodian (from \$15.59 to \$16.90). The Committee also sent recommendations to the Water Commissioners and the Library Trustees recommending that the wages/salaries of the Water Superintendent, Assistant Librarian and Library Custodian be adjusted in accordance with the results of the Personnel Committee's analysis.

The Personnel Committee also voted to recommend that all town salaries and wages be increased by a 2.0% cost of living adjustment. The decision of the Committee was based on the most current consumer price index available (January 2020) and cost of living adjustment information from the ten similar communities if available.

The Personnel Committee is made up of two representatives appointed by the Moderator, one representative from the Selectboard, one representative from the Finance Committee, and one town employee elected by the town employees. The Town Administrator serves as a non-voting member.

The Personnel Committee believes it has balanced the needs of the town employees with the financial resources of the town to make responsible salary and wage recommendations for FY21.

## TOWN DIRECTORY

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

**Fire, Ambulance, Police**

**911**

### TOWN DEPARTMENTS

<i><b>Department</b></i>	<i><b>Office</b></i>	<i><b>Phone</b></i>
Assessors	Town Offices	665-4400 x 4
Health Agent	Foothills Health District	268-8404
Animal Control Officer		665-8027
Emergency Management	Town Offices	665-0300
FAX for Town Offices		665-9560
Fire Department		665-2230
Burning Permits (Jan 15- April 30)		625-8200
Highway Department		665-2983
Highway Department Fax		665-2984
Inspection Services		774-3167
Building	Olver Transit Center	x 113
Plumbing & Gas	Olver Transit Center	x 112
Wiring	Olver Transit Center	x 115
Police (non-emergency)	77 Christian Lane	665-0430
Police Dispatch (non-emergency)		625-8200
Schools:		
Whately Elementary		665-7826
Frontier Regional		665-2118
Franklin County Technical		863-9561
Selectboard	Town Offices	665-4400 x 1
S. White Dickinson Library	Library	665-2170
Town Collector/Treasurer	Town Offices	665-4400 x 2
Town Clerk	Town Offices	665-4400 x 3
Town Accountant	Town Offices	665-4400 x 6
Water Department	Town Offices	665-3080

### OFFICE HOURS

Assessors	Tuesdays 9 am – 5:30 pm & 7 pm – 8 pm Wednesdays 9 am– 4 pm
Library	Monday - Wednesday 1pm– 8 pm Saturdays 10 am – 3 pm
Selectboard	Monday – Thursday 8 am – 4 pm; Friday 9-noon
Town Clerk/Treasurer/ Collector	Monday 8 am – 7 pm; Tuesday – Thursday 8 am – 4 pm Friday 9 am - Noon
Transfer Station	Tuesday, Noon – 5 pm Saturdays 7 am – 5 pm









